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Errors Hold Up Many Allotment Requests

Misunderstanding of the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act and errors in applications have temporarily held up payment in 133,750 cases during the past year, the War Department announced this week.

Out of 1,519,055 applications received through December 31, 1,294,852 have been approved, 133,750 have been temporarily disallowed pending submission of additional necessary information or evidence, and 10,607 have been disapproved.

Many cases show that upon approval of the Act some soldiers filed informal applications with their organizations in the field in order to establish a filing date for their formal applications to be filed later, and those subsequent applications have not been executed and submitted to the Office of Dependency Benefits. Army Times called attention to this condition in its Jan. 2 issue.

The Office of Dependency Benefits points out that Army personnel should submit authorizations for Class E allotments or applications for family allowances to the Office of Dependency Benefits, 213 Washington Street, Newark, N. J. Applications for the family allowance should be made by the soldier whenever possible to avoid duplication. The family allowance application is identified as W. D. A. G. O. Form No. 625, available at Army posts, at any of the nine Service Command Headquarters, at local chapters of the American Red Cross and at the Office of Dependency Benefits.

A relative or dependent before making application should write to the soldier to make sure that duplicate applications are not made. Having determined that no application has been made by the soldier, the relative or dependent then may obtain the proper form from any of (See ERRORS, Page 2)

Plastic to Replace Buttons and Insignia

To make available as much metal as possible for war production, brass buttons and insignia on the overcoats and blouses of enlisted men in the Army will be replaced as soon as possible by molded plastic buttons and insignia. The change is expected to result in a saving of 365,000 pounds of metal in 1943.

The changeover on overcoats and blouses already issued will be accomplished by the soldiers themselves who, armed with needles and threads and instructions given by the Quartermaster Corps, will snip the brass buttons off, sew on the plastic and turn in the brass.

The new plastic buttons already are being issued to Army overcoat and blouse manufacturers for use on future deliveries.

Officers' overcoats do not have metal buttons. The change does not affect the use of metal buttons on officers' blouses.

The new plastic buttons are non-tarnishable and will not reflect light. The latter point is important insofar as camouflage is concerned. They are made of a non-strategic plastic material, olive drab in color. Their design is an exact reproduction of the brass button.

As an additional step in metal conservation, the manufacture of distinctive insignia for regiments, separate battalions and separate companies in the Army will be discontinued.

Units in possession of distinctive insignia may continue to wear them until ordered overseas. Present supplies will be sold until stocks are exhausted.

Army, Navy Triple Blood Bank Goal

The Army and Navy have asked the American Red Cross to procure 4,000,000 pints of blood during 1943, more than three times the amount obtained from volunteer donors at Red Cross centers last year.

Correction

In an article on the income tax last week Army Times reported that officers do not have to include their allowance for uniform as income. This is in error. Members of the Reserve Officers Corps do not include uniform allowance, but officers on duty must. The distinction seems to be that all articles of the uniform which have civilian dress equivalents are not deductible, but insignia, corps devices, saber chains, epaulets, etc., are deductible.



BELIEVED to be one of the youngest officers in the Army to hold that rank, Lt. Col. William W. Beverly at 25 is commander of the 423rd FA Bn., 10th Armored Division, at Fort Benning, Ga. He graduated from the Academy in 1938, got a silver bar in 1939, captaincy in 1940, majority in 1941, and had to wait a year and a half to get his leaf silvered.

McNair Cuts Paper Work

Training of Army Ground Forces will be freed of hampering paper work and reduced to its practical essentials under an order issued this week by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, Commanding General, Army Ground Forces.

Hereafter written reports on training progress will not be required of units lower than a division. No advance preparation for a test will be expected, and the tests will be limited in time. The detail of officers, engaged in training troops, to service on boards, is no longer favored.

The spirit of the order is clear in General McNair's criticism of over-emphasis on paper work in an example drawn from motor maintenance.

"In certain observed instances," he stated, "motor maintenance stresses elaborate records—some kept by drivers and mechanics at the ex-

pense of work on vehicles. These methods generally smack of shop and garrison rather than the field. Vehicles are maintained properly by tools, elbow grease, and dirty hands, not by pencils and forms."

Unit commanders and the troops they are working with in the field have no time to read voluminous directives, the Army believes. Schedules are sufficient, with reference when necessary to War Department training manuals. Training orders for the division and below should be oral. Oral orders are more effective, they promote leadership and initiative and, since they are the type which will be used by smaller units in battle, they are themselves a good form of training.

Training directives prepared by Headquarters AGF, are intended exclusively for Army, corps, and other separate commanders. Those from Army and separate corps command-

ers should be distributed no further than corps and divisions, respectively, division commanders, in constant touch with their units, can issue their training instructions most effectively orally.

Stimson Asks Soldiers To Protect Equipment

Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, called on the men and women of the Army to unite in a campaign of preventive maintenance looking toward abolishment of mechanical failures in the machines provided by industry.

The Secretary cited the fact that maintenance of trucks, tanks and other vehicles is as important to the success of the Army as the physical fitness of its personnel.

"The Army supervises programs to insure the continuing health of its men and women," the Secretary pointed out. "Maintenance of the same degree of perfection in vehicles depends squarely on their crews."

The Secretary further said:

"Whether you are in a training camp in the United States or in the forward line of a combat area, 'readiness for battle' must be the standard by which you judge the condition of this equipment which has been

entrusted to your care.

"The whole long chain of production and supply—from assembly at the factory to delivery on a distant shore—is severed if a vehicle's high perfection is permitted to deteriorate through lack of responsible care.

"I call on every man and woman serving with the Army of the United States to unite in a campaign of preventive maintenance designed to abolish the menace of mechanical failures and to get the most from the fine machines which industry has provided.

"This is your responsibility. I depend on you to see it through."

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

In-tra-ducin' . . . Army Times' Newest Comic Strip By a Soldier Artist--Grover Page!

Gang, catch hold of Cyclone Mose, the nuttiest fruitcake in Florida and points west. Mose hasn't got much sense, but he has more fun than people. No doubt he is slated to remain a yardbird for the duration, but it doesn't matter because he'll never know the difference.

He was born during maneuvers, when anything is liable to happen. Pfc. Page looked under the rock he was using for a pillow one night and there Mose was. He's been running around ever since.

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Page Says He Isn't His Own Model

By SGT. THOMAS J. HOOPER

CAMP CARRABELLE, Fla.—Private First Class Grover Page, Jr., who describes himself as "not quite a surrealist" and yet somehow managed to create the 38th Division's own, beloved, bulbous-nosed charac-

ter, Cyclone Mose, is happy that he does not have "yellow teeth wide apart, and a sallow complexion." Otherwise he might be painting cells rather than hutments.

One day back in 1939, Page, looking unnecessarily down at the heels, (See PAGE, Page 2)



Pfc. Grover Page Jr.

150,000 Will Go to Colleges

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The Army's college program will be available to only about 150,000 young men each year, Brig. Gen. Joe N. Dalton stated this week. The assistant chief of staff for personnel Services of Supply, said in a speech before the Knoxville Junior Chamber of Commerce that the program was not designed to offer "a nice, soft spot for young men inducted into the service."

At colleges selected for participation in the Army specialized training program, the soldier-students will be organized into a cadet corps under a commandant whose military authority will be final, he said.

"It will not be possible to utilize all colleges and universities," General Dalton added. "A joint committee of the Army, Navy and the Manpower Commission is now selecting schools where required facilities are available."

The Army will sign a contract with the governing body of each selected college, the general said, under which the school will furnish a prescribed

course of instruction under its own professors, house and feed the soldiers in a manner meeting Army regulations and provide textbooks, laboratory supplies and other academic equipment. Beyond that, the Army will supervise and discipline its men and give them instruction in military subjects.

All the students must be under 22 and they will spend from 12 to 48 weeks in studies preparing for special duties in the Air Forces, Engineers, Medical Corps, Chemical Warfare, Signal Corps or Adjutant Gen-

eral's Department. Each student will spend 24 hours a week in classes and an equal amount of time in supervised study. At the end of each 12-week term there will be examinations, and failure without valid excuse will disqualify the soldier for further participation in the program.

"In this program, said General Dalton, "each trainee is a seventh-grade private, drawing \$50 a month. His official is no different than any other soldier of the same rank. He's not a college boy in uniform; he's a doughboy in a military unit located at a college."

Bliss Bits

FORT BLISS, Tex.—A lady from Chicago, who was visiting friends in South Texas, remarked to a Fort Bliss soldier, "There must be a great many men from Texas in the Army?"

"Yes," replied the soldier, "You'll find them everywhere."

"Oh yes," said the lady, "everywhere I go I see soldiers with a 'T' on their arm."

Lt. Emmett Townsend, a former ventriloquist, now a Special Service officer, lost his dummy "Hugo" in the Christmas mail rush. Hugo, who was being shipped to Fort Bliss from New York, has not been located and some Cavalry troop is still without an expected mascot.

A Hollywood script writer and former author reported for duty with the Special Service Office this week. He is Pvt. Bradford Ropes, author of the popular novels, "42nd Street," "Stage Mother," and "Go Into Your Dance." All three of these books were made into motion pictures. For the past seven years Private Ropes has been writing movie scripts in Hollywood.

NEW CO

Col. Edgar W. Taubee, post commander for the past ten months, received orders transferring him to Oklahoma City, Okla., where he will head the Internal Security Headquarters.

Col. Matthew Thomlinson, former ROTC director at Austin High School, in El Paso, succeeded Colonel Taubee as post commander.

MASONS

Members of the Masonic lodge who are stationed near El Paso in military service, will be given an opportunity to receive the degrees of the Scottish Rite, if they desire.

A series of degree classes will be held in the Scottish Rite Temple, El Paso, on Sunday afternoons and evenings, to accommodate the military personnel.

In the future at Fort Bliss, all mail and messenger service in horse units will be by mounted messenger or wagon. Motor transportation, which has been used by some units in the past, has been prohibited.

Errors

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the sources listed for the soldier and submit it, properly filled out and meeting the requirements of the law as to relationship and dependency.

Obviously, all applications for the family allowance do not meet the requirements of the law. Many persons seem to think that payments are due them simply because they are the father or mother of a soldier.

Another misunderstanding among dependents is in regard to the effective date of family allowances and allotments. Neither is paid in advance.

A family allowance begins to accrue the first day of the month following that in which it is applied for and is actually payable after the end of that month. Thus, an application for family allowance made in January becomes effective February 1 and the first check is payable March 1.

The Class E allotment, which can be made by officers or enlisted men, is payable after the end of the month in which it begins since it comes out of pay which accrues during that month. Thus, the Class E allotment authorized in January is payable at the end of January.

Another frequent error on the part of dependents or soldiers applying for the family allowance or Class E allotment is the omission of essential information, such as the soldier's Army serial number; the correct address of the dependent to whom payments are to be made, or in family allotment cases, the omission of required documentary evidence to establish the relationship of the individual to the soldier.

Army Wants Girls, Action in Movies

Soldiers Show Preference for Musical Comedy, Service Films

Hail to the United States Marines, says the United States Army, at least that portion in uniform which patronizes the 700 camp motion picture theaters, and gave Hollywood \$8,000,000 for film rentals in 1942.

The Army Motion Picture Service has been balancing the books, tabulating receipts for the calendar year 1942, arrives at these results on the most popular pictures shown on the camp screen, base, of course, on actual box office grosses:

1. "To the Shores of Tripoli."
2. "Son of Fury."
3. "Sergeant York."
4. "Tortilla Flat."
5. "Pride of the Yankees."
6. "Wake Island."
7. "Captains of the Clouds."
8. "Johnny Eager."
9. "The Black Swan."
10. "Song of the Islands."

The No. 1 picture was a salute to the Marines, which seems to dispose of the belief that soldiers are jealous of a rival service which, some say, has the best press agents.

Gary Cooper and Tyrone Power (now in the Marine Corps) may be said to be soldier favorites, since they are the only stars to appear in two features of the best 10. Power was in "Son of Fury" and "The Black Swan" and Gary Cooper in "Sergeant York" and "Pride of the Yankees."

Uniformed men failed to enthuse

over "Mrs. Miniver" or "How Green Was My Valley," favorites with civilians, and these features didn't even make the "also-ran" list. It might be explained that "Yankee Doodle Dandy" didn't hit the camp screens until 1943, but is racing like a champion and "Road to Morocco," a December entry, is also setting a fast pace currently.

The runners-up, or secondary, choices were as follows:

11. "The Fleet's In!"
12. "Ship Ahoy."
13. "Juke Girl."
14. "The Bugle Sounds."
15. "Ball of Fire."
16. "The Forest Rangers."
17. "Desperate Journey."
18. "Springtime in the Rockies."
19. "Flying Tigers."
20. "The Big Shot."
21. "Beyond the Blue Horizon."
22. "Road to Morocco."
23. "My Favorite Blond."
24. "Rio Rita."
25. "Wings for the Eagle."
26. "King's Row."
27. "Somewhere I'll Find You."
28. "Corsican Brothers."
29. "Gentleman Jim."
30. "The Major and the Minor."

R. B. Murray, director of the Army Motion Picture Service, who will have some 1000 theatres under his wing before 1943 blows the farewell whistle, has analyzed the results to guide his film buying. On the basis of 1942 receipts the best recipe for serving the soldier film appetite is: 1. Lively musicals with plenty of action. 3. Good comedies. 4. Dramatic stories backed by star name power.

What's a Rear Sight To Real Marksman?

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind.—Pvt. Paul A. Mains of the 331st Infantry, 83rd Division, rose from the ground on the rifle range and the target-marker in the pit began signaling his score.

"Fifteen bullseyes out of 16 shots!" exclaimed a nearby lieutenant. "That's excellent."

Then the officer glanced at the doughboy's rifle, and gasped in amazement:

"Where in the h - - l is your rear sight?"

"It must have been knocked off," stammered the soldier. "I didn't notice it until I was going up to the firing line."

Under the eyes of bewildered officers and non-coms, Private Mains continued shooting with his "streamlined" rifle. His final score was 195, which qualified him as "expert," the highest rating.

portation, which has been used by some units in the past, has been prohibited.

A booklet on Fort Bliss, its past and present, containing more than 100 pictures taken by Signal Corps photographers, will be published within the next six weeks, under the direction of the Fort Bliss Public Relations Office.

The booklet will be printed on glossy paper, carry a picture story of Fort Bliss, and will be distributed by the post exchange.

NEW PAPER

A new camp publication made its appearance at Fort Bliss last week when "The Reception Center Communique" was distributed to Reception Center men.

Shelby Bond-Buyers Hold 2 Millions Worth

CAMP SHELBY, Miss. — Soldiers here have bought over \$2,000,000 in bonds in the past eight months, it was revealed by Lieutenant Chas. D. Rutta, post bond officer. The actual cash investment on the part of soldiers is well over \$1,500,000 in bonds which have maturity values exceeding \$2,000,000.

The 74th FA Brigade continues to lead in the sale of bonds here, but because of restrictions, the total sales in the unit cannot be disclosed. The 31st "Dixie" Division is also going full blast with the bond campaign, having signed up 1,500 new subscribers in the past few weeks.

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CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Movies rank No. 1 on the list of social diversions for Camp Roberts soldiers.

This statement was made here by Lt. Maurice M. Wakeman, camp theater officer, as it was announced that tickets sold in 1942 amounted to 1,539,051. An average of 1,000 soldiers attended the theaters each night, paying the minimum admission of 15 cents. Lt. Col. L. G. Bryant, camp Special Service officer, stated,



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was picked up by Indiana police in connection with the investigation of a series of daylight burglaries committed by the "Pearl-handled Revolver Burglar." Crestfallen police released him when a dentist found his teeth were normal and everyone could see that his complexion was ruddy, which features conflicted with the description of the burglar.

That was the only untoward event in what has otherwise been a promising art career. Since then, Page has dressed respectably, although his buddies are unanimous in agreeing that a pressing would certainly not injure his OD's.

Page, who was born in Nashville on May 28, 1918, went to high school in New Albany, Ind., attended Haverford College in Philadelphia, graduated from Columbia University in 1939, and now lives in Louisville, is the son of the Louisville Courier-Journal's nationally known cartoonist, Grover Page, Sr.

With this illustrious art background, Page, Jr., began his career at the age of 11. Coached by his father and by Paul Plasczke, now cartoonist for the Chicago Herald-American, and fortified by his knowledge of art garnered at Columbia, Page progressed rapidly and in 1939 held his first one-man showing in the Paul Theobald gallery in Chicago.

Feature of that show was the foreword to the catalogue, which was written by C. J. Bulliet, art critic for the Chicago Daily News. With success now leering at him, Page threw away the seedy garments he used as a ditchdigger for a road construction gang and went back home to Louisville to tackle anew the problem of putting life onto a canvas.

In 1940 he held another showing—this time in the Washington Arts Club where he was particularly heartened by the frequent appearance of Hans Kindler, conductor of the Washington Symphony. In 1941 he went back to Louisville, and held a showing at the River Road Gallery.

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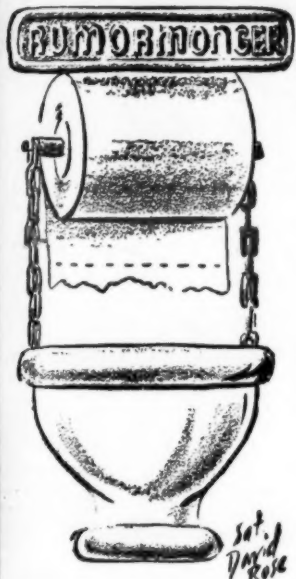
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THIS is one of a series of medals awarded each week by the Camp Livingston, La., Communique for obvious reasons. It's the brainchild of Sgt. Dave Rose, former Disney artist.

Croft Capers

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—Mrs. D. B. Fletcher, director of Camp Croft's service club since its opening May 10, 1941, retired under a war department ruling setting a maximum age limit for Army hostesses. . . NEW ARMY chaplains on active duty here are 1st Lt. Arthur C. Reedy, a Salvation Army officer for 17 years and one of three such officers recently commissioned in the chaplain branch, and 1st Lt. Guy L. Roberts, formerly pastor of the Belmont, O., Methodist church. . . FIRST THREE soldiers aged 38 or over and who are qualified to assist the nation's war effort in a civilian capacity were: Pvt. John A. Ashton, 38, a steel inspector for the Lowellville, O., works before he was inducted; Pvt. Charles A. Becker, 45, of Cincinnati, O., employee of Wright Aeronautics corporation, and Pvt. Malcolm R. Duke, 44, who will return to farming at Dresden, Tenn.

SEVEN of the eight teams competing in the Spartanburg city basketball loop represent Camp Croft outfits. . . A POCKET BILLIARD exhibition by Erwin Rudolph, five times world's champion, is slated for Jan. 29 in Croft's service club.

NON-COMs here were appointed warrant officers. Three were master sergeants: D. N. Babb, Romeo E. Senecal and John R. Miller. Other three were: Tech Sgt. John R. Ammon, Sgt. Raymond F. Proesel and Cpl. Lester J. Stauske.

CAPT. Charles Nissen, with the Army in the South Pacific, swapped a native chief three packs of cigarettes, costing 11 cents each, for an island.

JAPANESE LINGO

In five months Japanese Lingo has sold almost 6,000 copies, gone into a thoroughly revised 2nd Edition and become the basis of a course at the N. Y. Institute of Finance. The card game method for languages has proved not only good fun but practical. At the Institute students were half-way through Lingo's 90 cards in seven lessons and used the Japanese idiom with assurance.

Military German Lingo has joined the Lingo family and Military French Lingo is well on the way. Both are tailored to the needs of the moment, both require a slight prior knowledge of the language and both are arranged to review rules of syntax.

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MP's Play Traffic Cop to Learn How to Direct Traffic in Battle

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—"Killing two birds with one stone," can be applied to the training plans of the 509th Military Police combat training battalion here at Camp Butner. In the study of traffic control, the 509th, under the command of Maj. James T. Fleming employs actual traffic conditions that are present at this garrison. The troops direct traffic and learn at the same time. On Central avenue (on C and D streets), the most traveled thoroughfare here, the MP unit actually directs the flow of vehicles, while experienced officers watch for errors in judgment. It is Major Fleming's belief that experience is the best teacher.

Practice Makes Perfect

"Lift your arm! Make your signals clearer!" shouts Lt. Arch Howell, as he coaches the man directing traffic at the intersection.

A sergeant is selected to direct traffic at the various intersections, while the men under the guidance and instructions of the officers observe the various signals and behavior of the non-commissioned officer.

Each man is then given a chance to direct the stream of traffic. The men use easily understood and self-explanatory signals so that there may be no misunderstanding of directions.

"Good traffic control," said Lieutenant Howell, "depends on common sense and good judgment and a complete knowledge of traffic signals."

The men are preparing for the day when the misunderstanding of a

signal may mean victory or annihilation to a unit speeding to the front lines.

The mobility of supplies and troops is the basis of any success that an army may have in the theater of operations. Unless tactical movements of troops can be executed quickly and supply operations maintained the striking power of an army is severely restricted and its security from an enemy attack is weakened.

Aids Army to Strike

The correct handling of traffic, by the military police greatly increases the mobility and striking power of an army. Traffic must be kept moving in accordance with tactical strategy and requirements of the fighting and supply units.

In combat the military police observe road conditions, road blocks and bombed bridges and highways, and reroute convoys accordingly. The military police must know the topography and terrain of the section where they are stationed and must be familiar with all roads, passes and routes so that they can divert troops and supply lines.

"Get there fustest with the mostest men" were the famous words of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, Confederate cavalry general, as he recognized the value of fluid, fast routes to the enemy.

The military police keep these paths free of obstructions, and less important vehicles which might hinder the movement of troops so that our men can get there "fustest."

The military police in combat areas even take to the air, to control and supervise traffic. An observer in a plane can get a better picture of actual traffic conditions than men on the ground. Coordination between the two make for expert and excellent traffic control.

Of course, the pilot doesn't dive down to earth and yell at a driver: "Hey, you! Pull over to the curb! Where do you think you're going?"

No, he doesn't have to. The modern MP has established two-way radio contact between the plane and the ground. In some instances the plane is equipped with a public address system, which is used when it is unwise to establish radio contact, or when reception is not very clear.

Of course, the Army driver will probably be shocked out of a year's growth the first time he hears a voice from the sky yell, "Slow down, you're doing over 35."

Then comes prisoner of war training.

Handle Prisoners

Suppose the Umpty Ump Division captures 5000 men, and they are pressing the initiative in an attempt to wear out the foe. The captured men are escorted to the rear of the lines by guards and then turned over to the military police, who have set up prisoner of war enclosures. At their first opportunity, the prisoners are transferred away from the combat areas. In the event of an enemy attack, the men know just how to deploy themselves to meet the attack, and prevent rioting among the captured troops.

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Another Vichyite in Africa

The African political situation is like the onslaught of a cold in the head. It is probably destined to get much worse before it gets better.

It is unfortunate in the first place that Britain and the U.S. cannot agree on who should fill the post of High Commissioner for French North Africa. But it is downright embarrassing when one or the other of the candidates asserts himself before the question is finally settled.

When General Henri Giraud appointed a Vichy man as governor-general of Algeria this week, he sent British temperatures up a couple of notches and lost many adherents in the U.S. His man, Marcel Peyrouton, was once Vichy's ambassador to "neutral" Argentina. He can hardly be considered a liberal as we define liberals.

According to the Fighting French, Peyrouton was responsible for sending thousands of French patriots to prison and torture. They also credit him with introducing the first anti-Jewish legislation into France and with opening the first concentration camp on French soil, in Tunis in 1936. He fully sided with Vichy until Laval, who is supposed to be his personal enemy, returned to it.

Many people agree that it was necessary at first to use Vichy officials in North Africa. But now a Vichyite has been brought all the way from Argentina, and there is room for doubt whether it is entirely a question of military expediency.

The fact that General Giraud made the appointment without consulting the leader of the Fighting French, General De Gaulle, is a serious setback to hopes that the two Frenchmen might reach a working agreement in governing their dismembered country. Their scheduled meeting may now be postponed indefinitely.

Many political thinkers here are beginning to feel uneasy about Giraud and his capacity for political judgment. The question is likely to be raised soon as to what he ever did to qualify for his post, except get captured.

At the same time, people are finding it harder to work up sympathy for General Eisenhower, enmeshed though he is in affairs he should have been freed of long ago. Any Giraud appointment has to be approved by Ike. If he had his reasons for approving this one, let's hope they are good.

A SOLDIER EDITORIAL

We'll Take What's Left

In war, as in civilized peacetime, it's the little things that count.

Butter, for instance, has been mighty scarce of late in the mess halls at Benning. Sure, we've had plenty of jam and marmalade. We've subsisted without butter on maneuvers several times. But we've spent much time wondering just what caused the scarcity of butter now. And we didn't find a suitable answer.

Just last night we found the explanation. And it's certainly a suitable reason; all of the available supplies of butter are being shipped to troops overseas, according to an announcement by Col. Stephen B. Massey, director of supply at Fort Benning.

That's reason enough for us not to expect butter at every meal. One of these days we'll all be in the fight overseas. And, after a rough day crawling through the burning sands of North Africa or sneaking through the dank jungles of New Guinea, we'll be mighty happy if we can spice up our rations with a luxury such as butter—which, perhaps, the boys at home have forsaken for us.

We venture to say that the whole gang at Benning feels the same way; give us oleomargarine or jam or just plain bread. But make sure the boys in the fight now get "firsts" and "seconds" on everything . . . and there'll not be another grumble from us.

For we know these little details count in battle. We're in this fight that one day we'll have all the gas we want—five new tires on the car—and all the luxuries that are scarce now.

We're glad to give up butter, for one thing, and anything else the boys "over there" may need . . . and WE won't complain once!

—Fort Benning, Ga., Bayonet.

Provost Marshal Cited For Action in Emergency

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Maj. Francis J. McCabe, Camp Edwards provost marshal, Friday received three commendations for the superior and efficient manner in which he executed his mission on the occasion of a recent train derailment.

The commendations were from Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles, commanding general of the First Service Command; Brig. Gen. Paul B. Clemens, commanding general of the Seventh Service Command, and Col. Roy W. Smith, Camp Edwards commander.

Exact details of the derailment and Maj. McCabe's mission are a military secret, but Major McCabe's handling of the situation by immediately ordering men to take up arms and maintain a close guard, informing military authorities at the nearest military post to the scene, seeing that medical treatment was administered to the injured and making a reconnaissance of the entire situation in addition to many other du-

ties resulted in his receiving the citation.

"Notable were the rapid and complete measures taken to meet the emergency," General Clemens wrote. "All individuals attacked the problems before them in an energetic and whole-hearted manner, acquitting themselves like seasoned veterans. Quick comprehension and foresight resulted in accurate and continuous measures to rescue and reduce pain of the injured, to avert escape of prisoners, to prevent panic, to obtain aid, and, above all, to complete the mission."

Name in Reverse

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—A Camp Stewart soldier has the President's name—in reverse!

He is Pvt. Roosevelt Franklin, 36, a colored soldier. In an anti-aircraft unit, he is securing his basic training.

While We Argue



—By Pvt. John Stampone

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Forgotten Clerks

Although we know that the difficult is done immediately and the impossible takes a little longer, we have waited interminable months, and still the impossible has not taken place.

True the supply sergeants were promoted to the grade of staff sergeant, and the first sergeants added another stripe on their arm and \$24 to their monthly dividend. But the company clerk, what does he get? Another report of change to make out.

Of course, you realize we are talking of company clerks in an Infantry regiment. Those in other

outfits have been properly recognized and rewarded with promotions. But why have the Infantry clerks been slighted? Certainly not because they have less work—actually they have more.

The Infantry company clerk has the direct responsibility of about 200 enlisted men and five or six officers. He must take care that every man is paid what is due him, see to it that his allotments, deductions, and so forth, are properly handled, and that his service record is kept up to date. This besides the countless other matters pertaining to regimental personnel work, as much of the routine company work.

A clerk has no regular hours.

When a line man finds that 4:30 p.m. has rolled around, he can be pretty certain that he can whip off his fatigues, jump into his OD's and go to town or do whatever he wishes with his free time. But 4:30 p.m. to a clerk merely means that it is 30 minutes past the hour of four, that maybe he will get a chance to dash back to the company in an hour for some dinner, and he can be pretty certain he will be expected to report back to work for the rest of the night.

In Training Manual 12-250, under paragraph 84c, you will find the following quotation: "The company clerk should be of more than average intelligence and ability." Yet, if this man is expected to be higher than the average type of soldier, why is he given such an average rating? In this same manual, you will find three times as much space devoted to the duties of the company clerk than allotted to the duties of the supply sergeant. Yet the supply sergeant has a ranking of two grades higher.

And while we are on the subject of ratings, look at the Mail Orderly. He handles the mail for about two hours a day and for this receives a rating equal to corporal in pay. There is no doubt that this job is an important one and deserves the Technician Grade of 5. But equally, on this basis, the company clerk, by virtue of the vast difference in the amount of work and hours spent, deserves a rank higher than corporal.

How about a little retribution for the company clerk?

A Morale Booster.
Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Oversight

In the January 9 issue of Army Times we noticed that you picked up three items regarding Camp Davis, of which one was a picture of Private Horrel. In the caption you mentioned that this soldier was from the 430th Separate Bn., but no mention was made that the 430th Separate Bn. is at Camp Davis. We feel sure that it was just an oversight, and we wish to call your attention to it.

Lt. Roger B. Douless,
Public Relations Officer,
Camp Davis, N. C.

War Words

Where'd They
Come From?

Combat

Combat has many synonyms—contest, conflict, fight, affray, battle, duel—with their varying shades of meaning and usage, but all denote a struggle between opposing forces. Combat is not often found in a figurative sense; it implies rather an actual encounter, usually an armed encounter, but not one of great magnitude. In modern warfare, with its tremendous areas and extended battle lines, combats are of minor importance; in the new dimension of air fighting, however, the individual fighter still has a decisive value, as Winston Churchill remarked in his tribute to the RAF when in 1940 their effective aerial combats saved England. Combat comes from the French noun combat, which in turn is from the verb combattre, to fight. The noun first came into English (often spelled combate) during the latter part of the 16th century. The first element is the prefix com (Latin cum, with); Latin battuere, to strike, beat, is the second part, seen later in Old French battre and in such common English words as abate, battle, battery, etc.

Enemy

This word in its earliest uses was for the most part a military word only. Etymologically it means "one who is not friendly to another or who wishes to injure another." It came directly from the Old French *enemi* (modern French *ennemi*), which came from the Latin *inimicus*, from *in*, not, and *amicus*, friendly, friend. From the Latin *inimicus* was also formed in Late Latin an adjective *inimicalis*, whence came our English adjective *inimical*, so that we now have in English two words (doublets) from the same Latin source: *enemy* (as an adjective—"an enemy force") and *inimical*, meaning hostile, unfriendly; the latter, however, is rarely used in military language. To the second element of the Latin *inimicus* many common English words are related: *amity*, *amiable*, *amiable*, all going back to the Latin *amare*, to love. It is curious to note that in civil law only one who had publicly declared war against another could be an *enemy*; since in recent times formal declarations of war have not been the practice the Japanese, in this interpretation, are not yet enemies of the Chinese or American peoples.

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ONE of the world's happiest soldiers was Cpl. James T. Breslin when this picture was taken. Master of ceremonies at the election of "Miss Camp Walters," held at Camp Walters, Tex., Corporal Breslin is shown here surrounded by the seven chosen contestants of Walters soldiers. Snapped while showering attentions on Breslin are: left to right, seated: Medina Lee, Annie Jo Casseaux, Mary Louise Lee, Iris Wells. Standing: Marjorie Daniel, Gladys Griggs, and Billie Louise Miner. Winner was Mary Louise Lee.

Trainee Was Soldier in German Army of '18

FORT SILL, Okla.—After the last war, most Germans believed President Woodrow Wilson had the right plan and they were in accord with his "points." When the United States began to drift away, it caused much unrest in the country. Contrary to popular belief, Germany was afraid of France, not England.

These are the statements of a man who was a soldier in the German army. Today he is taking his basic training in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Sill and he states, "It is my earnest wish that peace will come soon and that I can return to my farm in Texas once more." The soldier's name is withheld because he has relatives still living in Germany.

"I was a soldier in the German army in World War I, drafted from my farm in western Germany in June, 1917," he relates. At that time I was 19 years of age and had been deferred in order to help with the crops. After an extremely short period of training I was made private first class squad leader in command of eight men. A few days later we were sent to the French battlefield. Sometimes we had only one meal a day . . .

In March, 1918, he took part in the last major offensive staged by the Central Powers and called the "March Battle." At this time Germany's supporting artillery had largely been destroyed, the soldier explained, and this lack of support for

the infantry caused them to retreat "under the terrific onslaught of the Allied armies."

"In making comparisons between World War I and the present conflict," says the German man, "I believe Germany today is much stronger than 25 years ago. Leadership was generally good; with a few exceptions, Germany produced very capable officers. The non-coms of the German army had greater responsibilities than those of the American Army today and sometimes a whole company was commanded by non-coms entirely."

Doughboy More Carefree

"The American soldier seems more carefree and relaxed than the German soldier of 1918. Discipline in the German army was most rigid; men were spoken to by officers only when duty required it."

The German's food in World War I was generally good, "but it would not compare with the excellent meals we enjoy in the U. S. Army today." At no time were Germans issued white bread; that was reserved for officers, while the soldiers received black bread.

"I believe defeat of the German army in 1918 was due to the superior forces and materiel which the Allies

were able to mass against the exhausted German troops," the soldier pointed out. "Up to the end, discipline in the front lines was excellent. But in the rear areas it was a different matter. I was part of the rear guard when news came that the Armistice had been signed. Outwardly no emotion was shown, but inwardly we were all thankful . . . I should like to say that the Army of Occupation left a good impression in western Germany."

Camp Stewart PX Starts Own Bank

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Camp Stewart now has its own bank.

The bank has been opened in the camp exchange office for the convenience of the military and civilian personnel of the post, as Stewart is located one mile from the nearby town of Hinesville and is 42 miles south of Savannah, Ga.

You're Tops

Marine Colonel Says Yanks Quickly Took Japs' Measure

NEW YORK—"The American soldier is the greatest potential soldier in the world," declared Col. Le Roy P. Hunt, commander of the Marine task force which captured Guadalcanal in the Solomons last August, and a hero of the Battle of Peleliu Wood, of World War I, in an interview at the Third Naval District Headquarters.

"American soldiers have intelligence and initiative," he said, and "as soon as they got over their jitters and developed confidence they beat the Japanese at their own game."

Colonel Hunt, a tall, soldierly man of 50 years, whose home is in Berkeley, Calif., declared that anyone who says he is not afraid in action "is either lying or crazy." Recalling that the first few nights in the Solomons campaign everybody was jumpy and that "the boys would see things in the jungle shadows," later, he said, "they settled down and found that the Japanese were not supermen, but tough fighters whom you had to kill to stop."

When asked to compare the American soldiers of 1917 with those of today, he said, "They are of the same breed of cats—maybe they are smarter. But certainly American youth has not gone soft." He compared the fighting on Guadalcanal to the Indian warfare of Colonial days except that it is being fought with modern weapons and against a tougher enemy.

Edgewood OCS Class Goes All-Out for Bonds

EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, Md.—The 14th graduating class of the Officer Candidate School, Chemical Warfare Center, participated 100% in the purchase of War Savings Bonds by the War Department Pay Reservation Plan.

The bond drive was handled by the Post War Bond Officer, 1st Lt. Edward D. Sproul. Much credit in achieving this record goes to the Company Commanders and Pvt. Jerry Di Natale, who contacted the cadets and explained the importance of participation. More than two-thirds of the class took a bond a month, some a \$50 bond. The average deduction by each cadet was \$15.00 per month.

Army Salvage Drive Nets 4000 Tons In November

ATLANTA, Ga. — Approximately 8,000,000 pounds, or 4,000 tons of salvage were collected, classified and shipped to war plants of the nation by Army posts and camps of the southeast, according to reports compiled for November and released today by the reclamation and salvage section of the Quartermaster Branch, headquarters, Fourth Service Command.

Of this amount, 5,000,000 pounds were assembled and disposed of on definite quantity contracts. This salvage ran largely to metals from small pieces of junk to truck bodies and other metals stripped from motor vehicles which were no longer serviceable.

About 3,000,000 pounds of salvage came under the "indefinite" classification and ran through the list of salvage items from bones and kitchen fats and grease to tin cans. In this category, the reports show, particular emphasis was placed on the collection and shipment of tin cans.

Station Hospital May Make Pre-Marital Tests

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—The station hospital has now been accepted by the Kentucky State Board of Health as a laboratory which may make tests and issue certificates of health for marriage licenses, Capt. Aaron Learner, chief of the hospital laboratory service, announced this week.

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Doldrums Department, or, Let's Have Fun With January, June and Julie



IN A MAD MOMENT, the art editor got up these pictures to remind you (among other things) that it is never mid-January in Hollywood and that anyway Spring always follows Winter. So why are you crouching by that cold stove? Get out in the open like June Millarde (left), who, her press agent says, is "an outdoor person and an angler." On the other hand, maybe it will be necessary only to look at Julie Bishop, right, in order to get that June-in-January feeling.

McGinnis'd Rather Be a Cooked Infantryman than a Live Redleg

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—He was at the bar, as usual—Mickey McGinnis, that tough, grey-grizzled, one-eyed old reprobate. As a group of soldiers approached he leered wickedly with his one good eye and fumbled out a salute in greeting.

Honorary "Sergeant Major" Mickey McGinnis, central figure in countless escapades, knew his reputation had spread throughout the 78th Infantry Division, but, in his usual dissipated manner, he continued to lap up—an ice cream sundae! His slumping was interrupted only by a few unintelligible, staccato barks, such as any well-traveled and adventure-stricken Alredale would utter.

Sergeant Major McGinnis' blasé attitude proved there would be no information obtainable from him, but over in the 78th "Lightning" Division's 311th Infantry Headquarters many willing tongues recounted riotous details of Mickey's checkered career.

He was born to the purple, it is said, the scion of a noble Washington D. C. family. However, like the black sheep of so many another aristocratic clan, McGinnis early displayed a definite disinclination for the straight and narrow path. Individuality was his motto, and from puppy days he has shown a mighty disdain for tenets of polite society. The rough and tumble fighting life for him!

Tumbled General

His first recorded escapade occurred at the United States Military Academy, at West Point, N. Y., where he caused general consternation by galloping wildly through the crowd at the annual June Week Horse Show, and upsetting, in the mud, no less a personage than the Point's commanding general.

After starting his active military career with a general court martial Mickey proceeded to Fort Bragg, N. C., accompanied by his lovely wife—Lady Dale of Lynwood—whom he had wooed and won at the Academy in true cadet manner.

But, alas, Lady Dale proved fickle and just before the Carolina maneuvers a few years back she ran away with a debonair Military Police dog from the Engineer Corps. McGinnis was embittered, but, like any good soldier, he put personal feelings aside and marched sadly off to maneuvers, where, 'tis said, he performed nobly in the field, winning two citations.

This hardy spirit, however, was a typical McGinnis trait, for one citation nullified the other. The first citation (negative), was awarded after he carelessly informed the "en-

emy" of his organization's stealthy approach during a night attack. Typically, too, he redeemed himself promptly by sounding the "alert" when a group of Brass Hats approached to make an unheralded inspection.

Loses His Eye

Mickey, to date, has no medals to pin on his matted, hairy chest on Regimental parade days. However, a special board, composed of three of the 311th's better known chow hounds, recently recommended him for the Order of the Purple Dog Heart.

His right to wear this citation is the result of a wound received in strict line of duty. Early one action, but, it is sad to relate, not cold morning he crawled through

enemy territory to an advance dressing station with his right eye so badly injured it had to be removed.

Sergeant Major McGinnis is as rugged as his companions in the "Lightning" Division and, in his five years of Infantry Deployment, he has lost few days of service because of sickness. For other reasons? Well, that is a moot question.

His service record bears at least four blot—four irrefutable marks of disgrace. Following each of several bouts with the MPs, he was "broken" and reduced in rank to buck private. On other occasions he has brazenly violated the Articles of War dealing with AWOL and time lost.

Sergeant Major McGinnis is a soldier through and through and knows his military commands. He gets off



Sgt. Major McGinnis

Men of 32nd Set New Rifle Record

Company A Makes 100 Per Cent Qualification

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—Soldiers of the 32nd Engineer Training Battalion here virtually snatched a coveted ERTC rifle marksmanship trophy from the hands of its designer last week by qualifying 12 of its 16 platoons 100 per cent and turning in a remarkable qualification score of 97.98 per cent. Company A of the unit turned in a perfect qualification score of 100 per cent.

The trophy, recently commissioned by Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, still was being cast by Pvt. Glenn S. Lull, Des Moines, Ia., sculptor, when the phenomenal record was established.

Presentation of the award is scheduled soon, and photographic copies will be distributed to 100 per

cent platoons by unit commanders. The trophy itself will be retained by the battalion until a higher score is reported.

Using new Garand M-1 rifles recently issued in the ERTC, the championship 32nd qualified 679 of the 693 men who fired, 440 as marksmen, 172 as sharpshooters and 67 as expert riflemen. A minimum of 198 out of a possible 300 is required for marksmen, 249 for sharpshooters and 264 for experts.

Highest individual score for the battalion was turned in by Pvt. Joseph C. O'Brien of the Bronx, N.Y., who made 288. Only two points behind were Richard E. Dolan of Urbana, Ill., and Victor R. Puschencky of Grand Forks, N.D.

Last week's mark battered by a wide margin a record established only the week before by the 30th Battalion in qualifying 88.3 per cent of its men.

The remarkable improvement in marksmanship was attributed by Maj. Walter S. Mask, 32nd Battalion commander, to the new rifles, a high competitive spirit on the part of the men and a system of "individual training" which ferrets out the weak points of the men and allows them under proper guidance to correct them.

Crowder Unit Joins 100% Bond Buyers

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Here's one for Secretary Morgenthau:

Company C, 27th Bn., 6th Regt., is 100 per cent behind the War Bond Drive. Each of the 284 members voluntarily has signed for bonds ranging from \$25 to \$100. Subscriptions are on a monthly basis, with a small allotment deducted from the soldiers' pay.

Company C consists entirely of basic Signal Corps trainees who arrive directly from their respective reception centers.



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With Equal Ranks Now They Meet Again—But

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—Late last August while traveling from Camp Grant, Ill., to Rockford, Ill., which is about 800 miles from Camp Butner, Lt. Charles O. Butner, commanding officer of Company "B," 60th Medical Battalion, picked up a tired looking sergeant just outside of Camp Grant who was hitch-hiking to Rockford.

Yesterday a newly assigned lieutenant reported for duty to Lieutenant Butner.

It was the same man to whom he had given the lift—former Sgt. Robert L. Jones.

Second Army Adds Commando Course

Colonel Saffarans Tells Men to Forget Tradition Fair Play

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CAMP FORREST, Tenn.—The daring raids of the Commandos and the Rangers on German-held coastal towns inspired and thrilled millions of our people. The second Army commander, who visualized a more extended application of their combat principles, inaugurated the Second Army Ranger School at Camp Forrest.

The first class of the Ranger School is a picked group of officers and men from battalions in the Second Army who will return to their units to teach the men there to be mean, tough, daring and unscrupulous in their fight to the finish with the "back-toothed" Jap and the "heel-clicking" dolts of Schicklegruber.

Object Toughness

Each of the ten courses to be taught in the Ranger School is designed to keep the Infantry soldier the toughest, meanest and most aggressive fighter in the world. For it is he who holds the ground that he takes with hot-lead and cold steel in hand-to-hand struggles with the enemy.

These courses embrace hand-to-hand combat, bobby traps, ambushing, sniping, infiltration tactics, tank stalking, individual camouflage, wire entanglements, stream crossing expedients, and blitz-bayonet work.

The man picked to head this Ranger School is Col. W. C. Saffarans, commandant. Since 1924, when he entered the Army after his graduation from Georgetown University where his football prowess earned him a place on the New York Times' All America team, Colonel Saffarans as rifleman and football coach has trained himself and his fellow soldiers to attain the greatest possible coordination of mind and body. The Colonel is one of the finest riflemen in the Army, and for five years was one among 10 men who helped the Infantry's crack shots win national and international fame.

Teams Are Winners

His Army football teams have always been among and usually are the best in the land. He coached the 9th Infantry's football eleven at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., to the



AFTER a hard day at the school, this looks pretty soft to a student ranger. He doesn't even bother to roll over.

Eighth Corps Area championship for four consecutive years, 1932-'36. He scored other marked successes as coach of the 24th Infantry's gridsters at Fort Benning, Ga., and as football official in Southeastern, Southwestern and Southern Conferences.

The Rangers will dish it out to Jap and German in the only language those self-styled "masters of men" can understand—short, violent, tricky, dirty dispatch. That Colonel Saffarans knows his enemies and is preparing the Rangers to meet them is proved by his own words:

"We have come to know, by his acts and methods, the character, or lack of character, of the man we fight. As a result of knowing this,

we have consciously tossed by the board, our American code of ethics and sportsmanship—and sat ourselves down to devise, by the quiet, cold-blooded use of our good American brains, a scientific approach to and an intellectually vicious mastering of the fine art of dirty fighting which our enemies come by naturally. . . . To this approach and mastery, we have added a great many cute Yankee tricks of our own.

Cites Atrocities

At this point the Colonel cites instances of Jap and German atrocities, treachery, rapine and horror, then moves on with a conclusive blow to tell the Ranger what he must do in order to insure the triumph of freedom over slavery.

"Once and for all time we are armed against the enemy. From him we expect anything, to him, in our hearts and minds we henceforth give no honor, no trust, no quarter—nothing, except a hard fight, a seeking-out-and-killing fight, a stalking, clubbing, shooting, knifing fight from here to the ends of the earth if need be, pursuing him every foot of the way, cutting him to his knees finally, smashing his back against the bloody, broken wall where he deserves to die—and pinning him to it with a last final thrust of the bayonet, disregarding his screams for mercy. He asked for it—he gets it! Men, there must be 'guts' on both ends of the bayonet!"

Symphony Concert

GI Longhairs Given Chance to Work Out

Strategy

CAMP FORREST, Tenn.—Mess Sergeant Erwin Steinmeyer knows how to make them eat their barley and like it, too. When Co. D's machine gun and mortar men left bowls of plain barley soup untouched for two straight meals, Steinmeyer scratched his slightly bald pate to light a beacon of thought; then asked first cooks Charles Mosser and Ed Goodnack to mix a few sausages and beets in with the barley.

Presto!

And the sergeant told his next assembled host of eaters: "Men, we are introducing to you at this meal the famous new dish, 'Fron Toulon'—a contraction of French Toulon—has recently been added to the American menu in honor of the rebirth of France. Let's celebrate this rebirth with the new dish!"

The new dish (barley camouflage) has proven an instantaneous favorite with the soldiers of Co. D.

FORT CUSTER, Mich.—Soldier-musicians who were qualified amateur or professional musicians in civilian life will have an opportunity to play with a professional symphony orchestra Sunday when 40 members of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra will present a concert in Service Club No. 1.

Assembling at the Service Club, the civilian and soldier musicians will rehearse under Pvt. Max F. Kaufmann, formerly assistant director in an European opera house, at 3 p.m. and present a concert for enlisted men and officers of the post at 8 p.m.

Cpl. Julian Leviton, formerly with the Chicago Symphony and now assigned at the Recruit Reception Center here, will be the soloist of the evening, playing Schumann's "Piano Concerto." Pvt. Leigh Paradiso of the Provost Marshal's Center will announce the evening program.

Soldiers who wish to play with the Kalamazoo Symphony are requested to bring their instruments to the rehearsal. The program will include selections from Schubert, Mozart, Johann Strauss, Tchaikowski, Schumann, and Bizet. The civilians will furnish scores for the program.

The post special service office will have the orchestra as dinner guests at the Service Club.

Last Minute Reprieve Rescued Officer from Nazi Firing Squad

CAMP RUCKER, Ala.—Now a member of the 321st Infantry of the 81st Wildcat Division, 2nd Lt. Leo A. Szczotka can remember without any difficulty his horrible experiences in a Nazi concentration camp.

Lieutenant Szczotka, born in America, was visiting with his father in his native Poland at the time of his capture. His narration of his capture and his imprisonment and his opinions of future warfare with Germany form an interesting and enlightening chapter.

Ready To Be Shot

"They lined 27 of us before the firing squad," recalls Lieutenant Szczotka, "with hands raised and cold sweat popping off our brows when a member of the Gestapo dashed up on a motorcycle and gave us a reprieve on death."

Picks Fine Time to Be Late

FORT BUCHANAN, P. R.—For 30 years, Mstr. Sgt. Mariano Verdejo answered the reveille bugle.

For 30 years Sergeant Verdejo attended formations, appeared faithfully for drills, for hikes, for maneuvers.

He was always on time.

In fact, he was such a good soldier that when the time came for him to retire from the Army, Ft. Buchanan's commanding officer, Col. John D. von Holtzendorf, the fort's executive officers and Sergeant Verdejo's regiment turned out for a parade and review in his honor.

But there was one hitch in the otherwise grand occasion.

Sergeant Verdejo wasn't there.

Sergeant Verdejo had finally missed a formation.

Like any rookie, Sergeant Verdejo had an excuse. He was on pass that day and didn't realize that the invitation to visit the colonel that afternoon was also an invitation to a parade in his honor.

"Then, day after day, they took us out of the concentration camp, lined us up and shot one man of the group. I saw 12 die. My father bribed a member of the Gestapo with the equivalent of \$1,000 in American money for my release for 24 hours. During this 24 hours I contacted the American Consul and he secured my liberty from this place of death. I am the only one of this group alive today."

"I was born in America and lived here until I was seven years of age. At that time my father returned to Poland, taking me with him. I returned to this country in later years to attend Texas A. and M. College. At the time of my capture I had the uniform the Aggies wear in my possession. This led them to believe I was an American spy."

Gestapo Knew Everything

"Within 12 hours after the Germans had steam rolled their way into Gdynia, Poland, the Gestapo was pounding at my door. When I was ushered before the head of this group, I found that they had a complete written history of my life. The efficiency of this group could not be more clearly illustrated than in my case. They seemed to know every place I had ever been and about everything I had ever done."

"German concentration camps are fully as bad as you have read they are. I had one small piece of chocolate to eat in the weeks I spent in the camp. They beat and torture you almost incessantly. They butcher and kill with less thought than an American would give to a mongrel dog."

"A German officer told me that he and most other Germans knew they couldn't win the war. He expressed a wish that he could come to America with me as he said he knew the Germans would be the most hated people in the world when the war is over. There were riots in Berlin the fateful day Poland was invaded, but they were quickly suppressed by the Gestapo."

Russians, Nazis Fought

"A pitched battle was engaged in by the Germans and Russians when their forces came together during the invasion of Poland and they fought upon sight every time they met. Neither the Germans nor the Russians ever allowed that fact to be mentioned. War was inevitable between those two powers from the very first."

"The Germans are better educated than they are given credit for in America and it is a fallacy to say that their troops are helpless once their officers are killed off any more than it would be to say the same of American troops. They are among the best disciplined troops in the world."

"I believe Hitler will be able to last through this year and maybe longer, but his eventual defeat is certain. Before he is finally crushed I think we can expect him to use gas and unleash the most brutal warfare ever known to mankind."

Lieutenant Szczotka came to the 81st Division from Fort Benning, Ga., and is attached to Headquarters Company.

Company A WOL-less for 10 Months

FT. KNOX, Ky.—A record that will not be broken—since perfect is perfect—has been established by Company "A" of the 17th Battalion, Armored Force Replacement Training Center, which, under a psychologist-first sergeant and an analytical accountant-captain has now gone ten months without a desertion, an AWOL, or a case of venereal disease.

When Maj. Gen. Charles L. Scott, commanding general of the Replacement Center, sent for the captain and first sergeant to tell him how this record had been made, they explained that analysis and psychology had done it.

The general, an old cavalryman, said, "Hell, it may be psychology but it sounds like plain horse sense to me."

Last February, Co. "A" had 12 absences without leave, and not quite as many cases of venereal infection. Then came Capt. Robert R. Fenno, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and an analytical accountant, to command the company. He selected as first sergeant Ralph D. Williams, a psychologist and teacher, and things began to change.

There has been no coddling in Co. "A" and its training record is one of the best. The captain and first sergeant go into the field with their men, and the sergeant sleeps in barracks with them.

When new trainees arrive, generally in the dead of night, Sergeant Williams has a hot meal ready for them, and their beds made up.



GENERAL Scott learns how it's done, from Topkick Williams (left) and Captain Fenno.

Gen. Crittenberger Tests 11th in Combat Schooling



PART OF THE INSPECTION was the examination of more than 200 men upon their completing a five-mile run. Here, General Crittenberger and General Kilburn question platoon leaders after the run to determine the condition and stamina of the men.

Saw Battles in North Africa, Slept Over Unexploded Bomb

Ex-movie producer Darryl F. Zanuck, Signal Corps, this week described in words just as graphic as his film shots usually were the battle now going on in North Africa. Colonel Zanuck was in charge of recording on motion picture film the landing operations of Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's troops.

He has returned to the United States to assemble and edit the motion picture record of the African operations, all photographed by his unit.

So intense was the fighting in the early days of the operations that he and his cameramen carried on their mission with a tommy gun in one hand and the crank of a camera in the other, Colonel Zanuck reported. He described one night which he spent in what appeared to be a deserted hotel only to awaken the following morning and find the hotel and surrounding territory had been evacuated by local authorities because two unexploded Nazi bombs lay in the center of the hostility.

The camera record includes films of both air and land combat actions during which some of the Signal Corps officers and men actually participated with Colonel Zanuck doubling in the radio control room of a combat plane while his cameramen ground out the photographic record of the conflict for history.

In Colonel Zanuck's log is the following account of some of his activities:

"We are about 20 minutes from Algiers when the first alarm is flashed over our radio—Nazi planes ahead.

"We circle in the clouds. Sometimes it is so foggy we lose sight of our escort. I look frequently at my parachute and my escape kit. I wonder if the letter I have in Arabic, signed by the President, will work in case we have to bail out. I mentally rehearse the directions given in the escape kit.

"Suddenly we come out of the clouds. We are over Algiers.

"We are ready to fight—all the crew at battle stations, portholes open, fingers on triggers. Below all appears calm and peaceful. Then out of a port gun hole I notice peculiar puffs of black smoke in the sky nearby. Then more of the same. Then I see the flash of ack-ack coming upward from the swarm of battleships in the harbor below. Every fifth shell is a colored tracer and they make a beautiful sight.

"Suddenly planes sweep by to our left—followed by more black puffs, some quite close to our ship. Geysers of water rise into the air alongside the transports and battleships below. It dawns on me that our ships are being bombed from the air. We are flying high to avoid the ack-ack. We circle the Maison Blanche airport several times and start down. Maj. (now Lt. Col.) Kirk Buchak has been asleep through it all. I awaken him. We land with a thud and tumble out of the plane.

"All hell has suddenly broken loose on every side. Anti-aircraft guns are blazing away all around us. Our Spitfires rise to the attack.

Dogfighters fill the air. We standing like idiots watching it. A Spit gets on the tail of a Junkers 88 right over us. Black smoke pours from the engine of the Nazi plane. The crowd on the field lets out a spontaneous cheer. We cheer, too.

"Suddenly another Nazi plane lets go its lead above us. We actually see and hear the bombs coming down toward us. We throw ourselves flat. Three bombs land 50 yards away. No one is hurt, but I might add Major Buchak is now wide awake. Some one yells a warning. A Nazi plane is diving on the field. I duck under the wing of our Fortress and flatten out alongside the huge rubber wheel. A rather silly gesture. What fools we are—watching an air attack from the very airport that is being attacked.

"Planes now come at us from all directions. It is difficult to tell which is ours and which is the enemy's. A Nazi trailing black smoke with one motor gone dives over our heads, a Spit hot on its tail. We open fire on it.

"It is suddenly getting dark. The air is filled with tracer bullets. It looks like a Fourth of July fireworks display. A Nazi plane crashes nearby. Another explodes in the air and drifts downward. We finally have enough sense to run off the field and into a slit trench, and one by one the Nazi planes disappear. We have beaten them. We have seized and held the airport."

Colonel Zanuck's party filmed scenes showing surrender of numerous German and Italian troops and it was while on his return to Bene that he spent the night in the "deserted" hotel. Describing how he entered the city at night and not seeing any sign of life he tells of entering a hotel and finding an empty room.

"The town was blacked out but in the moonlight we could tell that all of the action had not taken place at the front," Colonel Zanuck wrote. "Building after building had been hit and debris filled the streets."

Places Named For 'Wildcats'

CAMP RUCKER, Ala.—Forty-three roads and streams in the Wildcat (81st) Division area here have become monuments to the memories of the heroic members of the original 81st who fought and died on the battlefields of France in World War I.

The naming of roads and streams after those first Wildcats continued a program begun by the "new edition" of the 81st when the various target ranges in the Division's area were named for the prominent place in the combat area in France where the original Division distinguished itself in 1918.

The new names are included on the most recent and most accurate map of the area yet made and is the product of the Intelligence Section of the Division Headquarters staff personnel.

"I undressed as the air raid siren sounded. For the next half hour the Jerries did everything but dump me out of bed but I felt I hadn't slept in 2000 years and I made up my mind I wasn't going to budge.

"I awakened the next morning and the hotel seemed strangely quiet. I found the lights out and the water off. Usually the place is alive with people going in and out. Now it was different. On my way downstairs I didn't see a soul or hear a sound. I thought, perhaps, the entire city had been evacuated. I went out in front of the hotel and found my old car missing. The street was completely deserted except for a gendarme at a crossing a block away. He gestured frantically for me to join him. When I reached the corner I found that I had been inside a large roped off area. Behind the ropes on side streets stood the population of the city. They looked at me with awe. After the gendarme made up his mind not to arrest me I learned that I had slept in the hotel with a couple of unexploded 500 pound bombs. The entire area had been evacuated the day before.

"I had spent the night in an undertaker's paradise."



BEFORE a crowd of several hundred visitors from Kentucky and Tennessee areas adjacent to the military reservation, the 12th Armored Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Carlos Brewer, passed the reviewing stand at the first division review held at Camp Campbell, Ky. Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Camp, 12th Armored Division combat commander, was commander of the troops during the review. Shown in the picture are the official guests and ranking officers of the division as they reviewed the Armoreders. Left to right: Governor Prentice Cooper, Tennessee; General Brewer, division commander; Brig. Gen. Howard L. Peckham, 12th Armored Division combat commander; Col. Guy W. Chipman, camp commander; Col. John L. Ryan, Jr., division chief-of-staff; (Back row) Lt. Lawson W. Turner, aide-de-camp; Lt. Col. Hugh Mair, G-1; Maj. Thomas H. Fickett, G-2; Maj. L. H. Meyer, assistant G-3; and Lt. Col. Charles F. Howard, G-4.

Spitz Requests Action On His WAG Application

HOLABIRD ORDNANCE BASE, Md.—Mrs. Harlene L. Gault of Greenburg, Pa., has written the 298th MP Co., here asking for information, according to the Holabird Exhaust.

It seems that Mrs. Gault's husband enlisted recently in the Army Air Corps. Then Mrs. Gault herself joined up with the WAVES. Which left the third member of the Gault household still a civilian and more or less up a tree. This third member is the Gault's pet pooch, an Eskimo Spitz.

This week the Spitz got patriotic or hungry and snapped: "Get me into the WAGS, will you?"

So just how to get the dog into the WAGS and make the Gault clan 100 per cent Service was the subject of Mrs. Gault's letter. The MPs are now figuring out the correct steer.

Swing Records Ease Tension of Inductees

FRESNO, Calif.—The playing of swing phonograph records to help ease the "test tenseness" among new arrivals has become a fixed policy after proving its value at this basic

CAMP POLK, La.—Another of the nation's fighting units stepped into a higher grade of combat schooling last Saturday when the 11th Armored Division passed its tests covering the first strenuous weeks of training for the greater portion of its men.

Tests, including all phases of training prescribed for the period by the War Department, were given by Maj. Gen. Willis D. Crittenberger, Third Armored Corps commander, and his staff, during the entire day.

The examining officers inspected all units, observing phases of routine training, questioning officers and men to determine how much training they had absorbed.

Brig. Gen. Charles S. Kilburn, acting commander of the 11th in the absence of Maj. Gen. Edward H. Brooks, presented the combat organization for inspection to General Crittenberger. Maj. Gen. Lindsey Silvester, commander of Camp Polk's 7th Armored Division, and Col. C. E. O'Connor, DeRidder, La., Air Base commander, were interested observers.

Covering all types of training given enlisted men since their induction into the Army, questions were asked by the examining officers which required unprompted answers from the soldiers.

Commenting on the general condition of the troops he inspected, General Crittenberger said, "It should be gratifying to the hopes and spirits of the American people to know that men such as these are daily showing eagerness and improvement in their preparation for battle as American soldiers."

Also expressing pride in the men of his command, General Kilburn remarked, "An obvious effort was made to reach the expectations of the examining officers. All men demonstrated an enthusiastic willingness to display their ability and knowledge to the credit of their organization."

To indicate the degree to which the 11th Division has stressed physical conditioning, one of the points covered during the day was the running of the obstacle course in record time by soldiers 38 years or older.

Training as basic soldiers occupies the major part of the newer men's time and, according to General Kilburn, "the inspection marked the satisfactory attainment of the first goal of individual training and portends a future success in the accomplishment of team play by all units of the Division."

training center, a unit of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

Each of the new men receives the customary series of written aptitude tests to determine just where he fits into the highly specialized picture of the Technical Training Command.

Played Between Exams

Between each examination, the swing records give out over a loud-speaker system hooked up with the test classrooms.

"Every man in those testing rooms knows that much of his future in the Army will be determined by the grades he gets," explains Lt. Marvin Alexander, who has charge of the examinations.

"Coupled with the upheaval that marks the change from civilian life and the strange surroundings, you can well imagine the taut nerves and apprehension among the rookies taking the examinations."

Lieutenant Alexander said results of the innovation have shown that a couple of swing records between each test in the series are effective in helping the soldiers to relax and move into the succeeding problems in a better frame of mind.

"Just Grew"

Like Topsy, the swing record idea "just grew up." A record-playing device used for the radio code aptitude test given all inductees is part of the post equipment. One day one of the men in the department brought a record and played it between tests. Rookies awaiting the next examination began tapping their feet and humming. The tense atmosphere that always pervaded the test rooms seemed to change almost instantly.

Other records were brought and played and now there is an imposing swing library to soothe the nerves of the testees. The innovation has become a matter of routine that has approval of ranking officers at the post.

ARMY INSTITUTE offers soldiers more than 700 high school and college correspondence courses.

TRAINING

Ranger School Makes 'Em Tough



RANGER from the Second Army's Ranger School experiments with a bangalore torpedo. It's a length of rainspout stuffed with a couple of pounds of TNT, and is used to blast a path through enemy wire.



THE LIFE of the Ranger is tough and this shot of the "human chain" proves it. First soldier to reach the wire throws himself upon it and bears it to the ground. The others come up, run across the back of the first man and continue the charge. These 80th Division men are experts.



THIS is the right way to get through a barbed wire entanglement, as taught at the Second Army's Ranger School, Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Lear Lays Down Ranger Doctrine

CAMP FORREST, Tenn.—The instructional doctrine of the Second Army Ranger School was laid down personally by Lt. General Ben Lear who commands the Second Army.

After a careful study of reports from first hand sources on both fronts and a thorough consideration of the innate national character of the Japanese and of the Germans, General Lear came to the conclusion that the only way to meet him successfully on the field and defeat him was by individual hardness of mind and body of every soldier in the United States Army.

Whether the code of Bushido and the Samurai tradition—and the methods of dirty fighting which it imposes on its fighters are right or wrong (Continued on Page 10)



General Lear



MAJ. GEN. John P. Lucas watches as Lt. Col. W. C. Saffarans, commandant of the Second Army Ranger School, demonstrates a method of combat fire which he developed. Gun is held rigidly against hip and is pointed by moving whole body. Hip-shooting is just like pointing a finger, the colonel says.



PVT. Carl Miller, 80th Division, wends a precarious way across a toggle-rope bridge. Three strands of rope, a sense of balance and a lot of self-confidence are necessary



LT. William Vazzana and Sgt. John Compton have just passed the examination in hand-to-hand combat, and look it.



A HEAVY anti-aircraft gun is caught a few seconds after the command "Fire" at the Camp Edwards, Mass., Anti-aircraft Artillery Training Center's firing point at Scorton Neck Beach, East Sandwich. Night firing is held here regularly to acquaint the artillerymen with night conditions they will encounter in the field.

Pity Let's Start a UCO the Poor Civilian To Ease His Worry

By SGT. ROBERT LOFTUS

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—With the day fast approaching—because of growing meat shortages—when John Q. Public will regard horse-flesh as something to chew on and not bet on, we of the Armed Forces, heave a sobby sigh and say:

"Pity the poor civilian."

Already the civilian-garbed gentry have reversed the picture and are now sitting on the wolf's doorstep and daring him to come out. They no longer regard the wolf as a symbol of economic insecurity, but as a possible welcome addition to their scanty larders.

All necessities are rapidly being rationed, and as for luxuries, they soon will be just a word in the dictionary.

Things are getting so tough on the outside that an attempted coup to give the country and taxes (particularly taxes) back to the Indians failed only because no Indians could be located.

The few Red men not in military service are reported to be hiding in Washington while they dispatch underground petitions to "The Great White Father" to give to the pale faces what little the pale faces failed to take from the Indians back in the days when Pocahontas and Sitting Bull's relatives were "beat out" of Manhattan for the price of a few strings of colored beads.

Complicated government forms prepared for the registration of their shelter halves (sometimes quaintly called teepees), wampum belts

and second-hand tommyhawks have proven too much, even for a race as stoical as the Indian. They have donated everything to Army Quartermaster and are moving into New York City subways for the duration.

Meanwhile, the harried citizen who, after war bond, war, state, county, city and all other taxes, up to but not quite including syntax deductions finds himself with a fistful of "long green" is finding fewer places to spend it.

When John Q. attempts to buy anything he discovers it is either rationed or there is a shortage of it. 1.—Because the Army needs it; 2.—Because the Navy needs it; 3.—Because the Marines need it; 4.—Because the Air Corps needs it; 5.—Because the Allied Nations need it.

Worst calamity of the year, of course, is the rubber shortage. To motorists this shortage is a severe blow; to gals battling it out on the glamor front, it's fatal. Inability of girdle manufacturers to furnish them with support has caused many a mademoiselle to fall back to her original lines. On the whole, however, the retreat is being made in fairly good shape, according to eye witness accounts.

With the over-all picture looking black for the poor civilian it has been suggested that the Armed Forces launch a drive to set up a UCO (United Civilians Organization). Or maybe it would be easier just to give them back their USOs. Poor John Public needs moral support more than his fighting men do. What with the fuel shortage up East, think how much the

shivering citizen would appreciate a nice warm USO building in which to spend his off time.

Roughly the program for aiding ration and shortage stricken civilian morale is as follows:

1.—Invite a civilian out to your messhall for a cup of GI coffee. Maybe it ain't coffee but chances are it will come closer to being the real article than anything he has seen in a long time.

2.—Also for some of that GI stew. You may turn your nose up at it but it will warm your heart to see how pathetically grateful he will be over a dish that contains even the slightest suspicion of meat.

3.—Don't mention the fact that because of your small Army pay, your income tax will practically amount to nothing. It will only set the civilian to brooding about the staggering chunk the government is going to bite out of his.

4.—Round up a bunch of girls and toss a dance for the civilians. The poor fellows have had no more than a nodding acquaintance with a gal since the men in uniform took over.

5.—If you drive an Army vehicle to town, worry out loud whether the tires and gas will hold out long enough to get you back to camp. This will create a bond between you and the civilian motorist. Misery loves company.

6.—And lastly, if the supply sergeant breaks down and issues you a new article of clothing, don't mention it. Chances are the poor civilian is wondering what between the taxes and rationing whether he is going to wind up by losing his pants in the deal.

AGF News

ARMORED FORCE—Armored Force special troops from Fort Knox, Ky., were called upon to salvage thousands of dollars worth of war-essential hempseed from flood waters recently. The troops concentrated their activities in Henderson and Union counties.

Reputed to be the youngest lieutenant colonel in the Sixth Armored Division and one of the youngest in the entire Armored Force is 26-year-old Lt. Col. A. D. Surles, Jr., Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, at Fort Knox, Ky.

Capt. Alfred R. Greenfield, Army Surgeon for a tank destroyer unit at Camp Bowie, Tex., has designed and supervised the construction of a "rolling dispensary" which is equipped with two operating tables and one for minor injuries.

The Victory Division claims to have the only Armored Force symphony orchestra. It is composed of 35 soldiers and provides entertainment and relaxation for the "Victorymen."

A tank veteran of more than 20 years, Col. Edwin A. Smith is new director of the Armored Force School's tank department, succeeding Col. Frederick Thompson.

Eleven combat units of the 11th Armored Division have received their battle colors in formal ceremonies which were presided over by Brig. Gen. Charles S. Kilburn.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT—A three day inspection trip of the Camp Edwards, Mass., Antiaircraft artillery training center by officers of the Antiaircraft Command, Richmond, Va., was completed during the past week. The inspectors, headed by Col. Frank C. McDonnell, viewed all phases of the training conducted at Camp Edwards.

Barkeley Blasts

MRTC, Camp Barkeley, Tex.—James A. Evans and James A. Evans, strangers until they arrived here to train in the same unit, Co. C, 65th Bn., are just one of the company officers' "name" problems. There are five Gonzales men in the same company—Carmen, Jose, Raphael, Samuel and Tlodulo, and they aren't brothers. When the 65th was a special training detachment a few weeks ago, it included 15 Rodriguez men and eight or ten Gonzales.

If there are any members of the Polar Bear club, those zero-defying individuals who specialize in taking mean dips in mid-winter, in the 63rd Bn., they are in for a bitter disappointment.

In a list of bivouac instructions prepared for the company recently, there appeared this note:

"There will be no swimming in nearby lakes."

Having three commanders in one day was the record set recently by Co. C, 65th Bn. On the day in question, members of the company took orders from First Lt. Herman Brilliant, Second Lt. George Guthridge, and First Lt. Leonard Kessler, in that order.

Lieutenant Brilliant, formerly adjutant with the 15th Med. Tng. Regiment, became commanding officer of the company at its activation. Then, on the record-breaking day, he was transferred to Hq. MRTC, and Lieutenant Guthridge, platoon leader, was named to the post, in the absence of First Lieutenants. Later in the day, Lieutenant Kessler, arrived and took over the duties of commanding officer.

The trainee in Co. A, 65th Bn., who appeared at the company office and asked Oliver J. Gwin, acting first sergeant, for a three-day pass to go to Baltimore, Md., had no idea of distance—but he had nothing on a trainee from the same company. The second went AWOL a few days before, then telegraphed the commanding officer, asking for an additional five days of freedom, and suggested the commanding officer telegraph the permission "collect". The telegram was sent collect all right, but it directed the trainee to get back to camp on the next train before the military police were sent to give him an escort.

McClellan BIRTC Blasts



FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—The IRTC this week took two more steps to secure and insure the physical fitness of trainees and at the same time laid open to the soldiers here opportunity to avail themselves of continuing an education which may have been interrupted by their call to the Army.

Training tables for overweight and underweight men have been established. At these training tables the heavyweights will be fed a diet of "fatless" foods to preclude the possibility of them off-setting a good day's work of reducing on the drill fields while the lean men will get "fatty" foods—and in abundance.

Ordered and enroute are healthometers—scales, to you. One for every day room so trainees will be able to keep a daily check on their physical condition.

Distributed this week to all company day rooms by the IRTC Special Service Office were catalogues of the Army Institute, which offers men in the armed services correspondence courses in virtually any field they choose to study.

Through the efforts of Lt. Dale Troy, post Special Service officer, voice-recording machines are to be placed in the Enlisted Men's Service Club and the Colored Enlisted Men's Service Club. Lieutenant Troy completed the arrangement through a commercial soft drink company with these machines the men will be able to send home "talking letters."

EXPERIENCED

A group of new trainees were counting cadence one day last week—but not quite vociferously enough to please the platoon leader.

"You aren't counting loud enough," he told them. "In fact," he added, "I'm counting louder than the whole gang of you put together."

"You ought to sir, You've had more practice," spoke up a voice from the ranks.

A Chinese trainee here was hospitalized for a period of a dozen-odd days last month. When pay day came around and he found a full pay envelope, he went straightaway to his first sergeant and seriously endeavored to convince him that he should return some of the money, since he hadn't worked that 12 days.

PROBLEM

The corporal had just finished leading his squad through its initial formation in extended order. They had crossed the brow of a hill when he stopped the group and counted noses. One man was missing.

Going back to the bottom of the hill, the corporal found the missing trainee sitting on the ground, apparently doing nothing more than just relaxing.

In true military style the non-com proceeded to chastise the trainee, who remained passively silent until the corporal had finished his lecture.

Then he spoke:

"I'm sorry," he said, "but you see I'm on this training table for overweight men—and I've lost so much weight my clothes are becoming too big."

"In fact," he went on, "as we started up this hill my long woollens slipped down, tangled around my ankles and put me out of action."

He was forgiven.

MORE MEN AND WOMEN were killed in industry in 1941 than the armed forces have lost since Pearl Harbor.

Camp Shelby Saw Mills Produce 75% of Lumber Used on Post

By Carolyn Groner

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Unique in that they are probably the only Army-operated saw mills in this country, Camp Shelby's two small mills are producing 75 per cent of the lumber used on the post. Operating at full speed, the mills cut approximately 400,000 feet of lumber per month at a cost of about \$20 per thousand for rough lumber. Dressed and processed, the lumber costs around \$25 per thousand, which is between \$10 to \$20

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does not enter into the picture. The fact is that the way the Japs and Germans fight is contrary to American sportsmanship in many ways. It goes back to the ruthless methods of warfare practised by Genghis Khan. But one conclusion only is possible and that is, right or wrong, these methods our enemies employ must not be met by similar methods but by an all inclusive method of the complete ruthless fight to the finish.

The cheap childish violations of the American code of sportsmanship which the Japanese have employed in the past, to wit: misuse of a flag of truce, use by their personnel of United Nation uniforms, etc., will only work once. Gen. Lear feels, and he also feels that once we are thoroughly inculcated with the German doctrine of the hostage system and the ruthless German abuse of civilian refugees, we can be armed against them.

But an employment in retaliation of any of his methods against us would be fatal. Gen. Lear has therefore prescribed the doctrine for the Ranger School and through it—for the entire Second Army of a tough fight, a shooting, bayonetting, clubbing, ruthless, pursuing fight to the ends of the earth if necessary with no quarter asked and no quarter

given and no trust whatever placed in the enemies' word, acts or methods henceforward.

Throughout his service to the United States, General Lear has exemplified the lean, tireless, hard-riding cavalryman of our frontier days and has infused the Ranger School with his own idea of stoic discipline and service unto death.

Practically every exercise that the Ranger students must go through before qualifying is carried out under actual fire of machine guns, tommy guns and rifles and in the face of actual heavy demolitions and with live grenades. The Rangers themselves are hand-picked officers and men from every division in the Second Army and were sent to the School primarily for their physical fitness and mental ingenuity. They are men who can march further, fight harder in every known manner of close combat and come out ready for more. When they go back to their own units they will take with them the School doctrine of General Lear. They will act as instructors in their own division and the Army Commander feels that as a result of their instruction here at Camp Forrest they will, within a very few weeks, imbue the entire Second Army with this idea of a tough bitter personal fight.

lower than market price.

The two mills, one located two miles south of New Augusta, Miss., and the other near Brooklyn, Miss., are manned by 40 civilians, most of whom are old lumber men.

Pine and hardwood lumber growing on the reservation provide the mills with a wealth of good cutting material. However, trees to be milled are selected with a careful eye toward conservation of small timber.

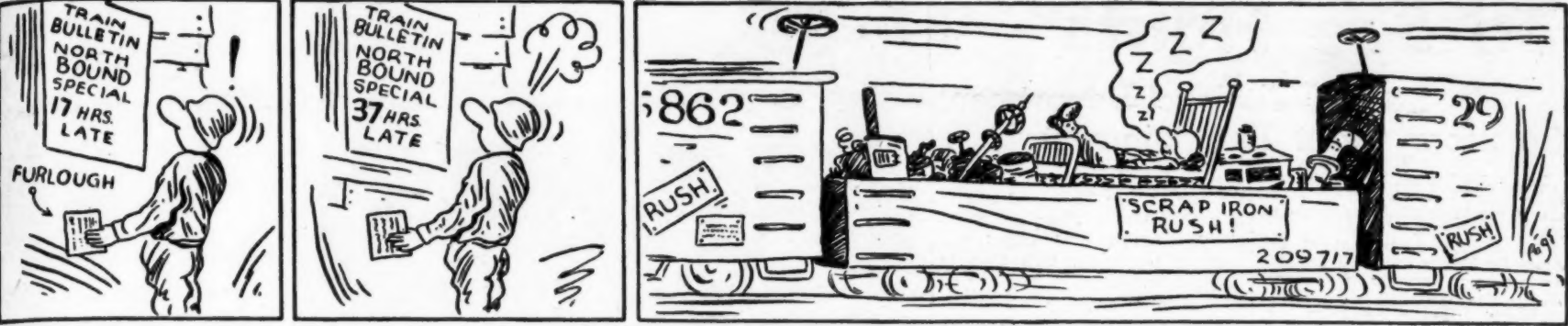
After the lumber is milled, it is

carefully stored in a large shed located in the lumber yards. The lumber is used principally for maintenance and repair, packing and crating and rail transportation blocking material.

The mills are considered particularly valuable by post officials due to the current scarcity of lumber. Projects which would otherwise have been delayed or curtailed by lumber shortages have been completed with the help of the two post saw mills.

Cyclone Mose "The Furlough"

By Pfc. Grover Page, Jr.,
Camp Carrabelle, Fla.



A Mechanized Soldier Afoot or These Shoes Are Killing Me

Asked to furnish a step-by-step, gasp-by-gasp story on a road march during a recent corps inspection, the following factual, unbiased account was submitted by a "former" Eleventh Armored Division reporter.

Deleted only to conform with existing social customs, the story is printed for the sake of the memories of the first corps inspection it is bound to bring back to that "fish out of water," the mechanized soldier on foot:

CAMP POLK, La. — Full field equipment—with leggings—that terrible order that creates the hysterical scramble before every road march.

But this one was different—yes, very different. The grapevine carried the choice morsel that our road march would be clocked for a Corps Inspection to the latrine where it was made and re-made into that scourge of the rookie's existence, the latrine rumor. Remarkably, though, this "exaggeration" was shadowed by reality.

Good Beginning

So we line up. We look good—in fact, d—n good. Don't we always? We pass the timekeeper's peep with West Point precision. Then it happens. The equipment starts pulling and cutting and our collective thoughts would slaughter the designers.

Then that "!!*!*?!!" sergeant in front starts hitting up the cadence and after the first mile we decide that carrying this load at this pace another mile is impossible—but don't we do the impossible every day! Just about this time I'm considering where it would be most convenient to pull up with a quickly cooked-up Charley horse.

The sergeant (the same "!!*!*?!!" one) in front takes it out of second and slaps it into third as we hit route step and a puffing corporal, seeing the zombie-ish look on some of our faces, gaps, "You're soldiers, fellas, you can take it." I didn't hear the "I hope."

CO Suffers—Hah!

Our legs move by memory and the question arises in many minds as to where in h— is that second wind every one talks about? My mouth is simulating the position for dental inspection and inrushing wind threatens to dislodge my reasons for not being a 4-F. A sneak look at the CO—He aint yawnin', brother! So we feel a little better. In fact, we grin.

The guy at my left has a funny walk. He's bouncing. The tall fellow in front is having trouble. "Burnt out a bearing?" I ask.

"Dress it up, dress it up," yells a lieutenant. He still looks good, so we dress it up. We're in overdrive now, and that 25-mile-per hour sign on the side of the road looks silly. Henderson should know we got rubber soles—and are using them like this!

The tall guy is now hanging down on one side. I can't look at him. Then all is serene. I have no legs. This must be death or flying—just floating along—can't feel a thing.

Somebody is running up and down the line (howinell does he do it?) saying, "Look good, we're passing the reviewing stand." I can feel my legs and, brother, they're hurting! But we all straighten up and forget about the hot coals in our shoes and roar past the stand.

All Over

We round a bend. They can't see us now so we resume our epileptic cadence. I have a warm feeling of satisfaction for we sure pulled a fast one. I distinctly heard a voice saying as we passed the stand, "Look at them, they still look good."

We're on the way to the company area. The tall guy's head fascinates me as it snaps and rolls. I can't take my eyes off that bobbing helmet. Now it's gone. Did he fall? I didn't step on anything. Oops, there it is again. He must have been walking on his knees.

Look at those barracks. Lemme at that bed. That magic word, "dismissed."

Somebody yells, "Let's run down to the PX for a short beer." Off we go again.

Yep, the human body is an amazing machine.

Femail Types

By Frankie Noonan, Ft. Knox, Ky.



The Nose-for-News Type, Who Tries to Out-Chronicle the Hometown Newspaper

Edwards Expects WAACs January 29

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—The once-postponed arrival of members of the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps has been set for on or about Jan. 29, the Bureau of Public Relations, War Department, informed the Camp Edwards Public Relations Office. One company of WAACs is

expected to come here to take over clerical duties now being performed by soldiers.

Arrival of the WAACs at Camp Edwards at first was set for December 7, 1942, one year after the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, when a contingent of 150 were to have come here. However, a change in orders prevented Camp Edwards from getting its preview of the women in khaki.

Meek Request

"Wars, far from stopping fashions, actually stimulate them."
—Advertisement in N. Y. Times.

Ladies, I don't care a fig
If hats are tiny or quite big.
Nor am I troubled by the "line"
Endorsed by Nettie Rosenstein.

Let Schiaparelli ply her trade—
It leaves me cold as lemonade.
And I don't even give a darn
That good milk now is used for yarn.

But, Lady Fashion, I have one
Request to make. Please have it done.
It's really easy. This is it:
Just send me GI pants that fit!

—Pvt. I. W. S., Fort MacArthur, Calif.

The Army Quiz

1. A small scale map is one that—
A. Shows a large area of land on a sheet of paper small by comparison with the area of the land.
B. Shows a small area of land enlarged onto a large sheet of paper.
...
2. Mobile cannon were first used by:
A. The Chinese in the 8th Century.
B. The Turks in the 13th Century.
C. The British in the 14th Century.
...
3. When reporting to an officer in his office a junior leaves his head-dress outside.
True ... False
...
4. Six months' gratuity pay is given to the widow or other dependents of every officer or enlisted man—
A. If he is killed in action.
B. If he is killed in line of duty.
C. If his death is not due to his own misconduct.
D. No matter how he dies.
...
5. Base pay of chief warrant officers is greater than that of either first or second lieutenants.
True ... False
...
6. Enlisted men are permitted to deduct \$250 from their income for income tax purposes; married men may deduct \$300.
True ... False
...
7. Nazi General Rommel once visited the United States and studied the military tactics of Confederate General "Stonewall" Jackson on the actual battlegrounds of the Civil War.
Is this—
True or a Rumor?
...
8. The officer who wears the most gold braid in all the services is:

- A. Marine lieutenant general.
B. Navy captain.
C. Army chief of staff.
D. Marine band leader.
E. Air Forces band leader.
...
9. If the plane is snub-nosed you can be pretty sure it is:
A. Air-cooled.
B. Water-cooled.
...
10. Match the colored piping with the correct arm of service it designates:
(1) Maroon and (a) Cavalry white.
(2) Scarlet (b) Field artillery
(3) Yellow and (c) Military police green.
(4) Orange and (d) Signal Corps white.
(5) Yellow (e) Medical Dept.
(Answers on Page 15)

Books

By Mary Willis

"Song and Service Book for Ship and Field"; A. S. Barnes & Co.
This hymnal is somewhat of an improvement over the old Army and Navy Hymnal in that it contains the selected hymns with the musical score—whereas the older edition was merely a word edition.
Complete with orders of service for those of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faith, and with many old favorite hymns, the book is a small pocket sized edition.
At the end are illustrations showing the order of procedure of military funerals for both the Army and the Navy.
"Flying Tigers" by Russell Whelan; Viking Press, N. Y.; \$2.50.
This is the story of the courageous men who fly old planes with shark jaws painted on their cowings; who can blast the Imperial Japanese Air Force out of the sky and hold open the Burma Road for months after it had been given up for lost. This is the story of the Flying Tigers.
Russell Whelan, Radio Director of United China Relief knows the history of every man in the American Volunteer Group.

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Fans Buy Bonds To See Fights

Keesler Athletic Department Sponsors Giant Entertainment

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—The men of Keesler Field, in an all-out effort, are aiding in fighting the war—and paying for it, too.

The athletic department of this Army Air Forces Technical Training

Command field raised \$231,791.25 in the sale of War Bonds and Stamps in a huge Victory Show and championship boxing card staged last week at the Beach USO Club in Biloxi, Miss.

2200 Attend

Believed to be the greatest single promotion of its kind in Army history, the show drew a sizeable crowd of 2200 enlisted men, officers and civilians who paid an average ticket price in War Bonds and Stamps, of \$105 to see the championship boxing card, novelty entertainment and dance.

The Victory Show was conceived and directed by Keesler's athletic officer, 1st Lt. A. M. Klum, former University of Nebraska grid great, and S/Sgt. Irving Klein. Work on the promotion opened just two weeks in advance.

Civilian committees were organized and a huge promotional effort was undertaken. Approximately \$7000 in Bond and Stamp purchases were made on the field last pay day. Civilians and many large Keesler Bond purchasers secured their tickets at the various outlets in Biloxi. Novelty auctions on the Victory Show brought in an additional \$10,000.

Seven footballs, signed by all members of leading teams in the recent New Year's Day bowl football games, brought in \$8000, while a goat (known as "Hitler's Goat") sold for \$300 in War Bonds. A professional auctioneer offered his services for the occasion.

Fights Broadcast

The fights and a portion of the auction and dance were broadcast over Radio Station WGCM, Gulfport, Miss.

The entertainment portion of the program consisted of three leading acts from Keesler's recent musical-comedy success dealing with the life of an airplane mechanic, "High Flight." A Victory ball dance was held following the fights and auction. Music was furnished by T/Sgt. Russell Sessions and his Army Air Forces dance band.

Four new post boxing titlists were crowned on the fight card. All in all, the fans saw a great show and walked out with their gate receipts, their investment in War Bonds and Stamps.



PROUDLY DISPLAYING his latest awards to his commanding officer, Col. George W. Daley, of the 6th Regiment, Cpl. Kenny Bartholomew explains just how he did it. At the famous Silver Skates competition in St. Louis, Bartholomew in three events, took down two firsts and a second place. Besides his two gold and one silver medals the famous skating champion returned with a cherished trophy, the Service Man's Championship Award.

—Photo by Camp Crowder PRO

Crowder Star Adds Another Trophy

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Cpl. Kenny Bartholomew may soon be buying a glass case as big as an apartment house to put all of his ice skating trophies in.

Having just added the St. Louis service men's title to his many laurels, Bartholomew is now looking forward to capturing honors in the News Welfare Association Silver Skates meet at Madison Square Garden, in New York, on February 1. Corporal Bartholomew has had a full approval, permitting him to leave here in time to compete in the New York meet. Proceeds of the big ice show will be donated to the USO.

Bartholomew, who prior to entering the Army last year was North American and national outdoor senior champion, won the service men's

trophy in the eighteenth annual St. Louis Silver Skates, last Sunday. He nosed out Bud Handlan, of Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to take the first place award.

Handlan, former St. Louis champion, gained a notch on Bartholomew when he finished first in the 440-yard event, but Bartholomew, calling on all of the power in his legs, steamed up his pace to leave Handlan falling behind on the half mile and mile courses. Bartholomew did not enter the open division, limiting himself to competition in the special events for service men.

A native of Minneapolis, Bartholomew first began skating on the famous Powderhorn track. He is now assigned to duty in athletic work here.



FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Lt. T. M. Longaree, of the AAAORP, says, "The Japs have no power at the plate when it comes to playing baseball." Lieutenant Longaree has taken part in baseball games in many parts of the Far East during his 17 years of service in the U. S. Army. "A different kind of ball is used by the Japs—it is lighter than the American ball and is impossible to throw straight. However, we could hit it 80 or 90 feet further, and had to bring our fielders in close when the Japs were at bat."

SOUTH PLAINS ARMY FLYING SCHOOL, Tex. — Pvt. Ted Ricks of the Public Relations Office here was asked by the sports editor of a Lubbock, Tex., newspaper to find out something about the ability of the SPAF's Golden Gloves boxers. Ricks, 140-pounds, decided to interview each one with 16-ounce gloves. Next day he appeared with one black eye, one swollen cheek, one split lip and assorted bruises. "We've got one lightweight that's pretty good, I know that. But you'll have to take the coaches' word about the rest of them," he reported.

SCOTT FIELD, Ill. — An officer all-star team of former college basketball stars defeated the 561st Tech. Sch. Sq. quintet, 32-21 to avenge an earlier defeat at the hands of the enlisted men of the Medics. Lt. Bob Menke, of the famous Menke brothers of Indiana, paced the winners with nine points, while Pvt. Peter Bliski, former Villanova cager, got 10 points for the losers.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga. — Lt. Walter Bush, director of Bainbridge Army Air Field's athletic training department, enacted a "Wrong-Way Corrigan" on the basketball floor recently. In the opening seconds of the game between the officers and a squadron team, Lieutenant Bush, former New York University athlete, took the ball from the center jump, dribbled in and shot two points—for his opponents. His face thereupon matched the maroon of his uniform nicely.

MACON, Ga. — The Herbert Smart "Kites," representing Herbert Smart Air Base in the Macon USO Southern league have copped first round honors beating Army teams from Macon districts. Stars on the team include Private Romagnio, former Wisconsin star; Pvt. Bob Krochmer, former Ohio University cager; Corporal Adomitis, Penn State, and Sgt. Charles Kasper, Indiana University.

MATHER FIELD, Calif. — Pvt. Verne Callison's 68 in match golf play as the Mather Field team defeated the Lo Presti All-Stars won for him the lead in the post-handicap tourney. Callison's sub-par round was equaled, though, by Pvt. Ed Sabonge who carded a 78, which with his 10-stroke handicap, gave him 68.

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Pvt. Fred Perry, world's amateur tennis champion from 1934 to 1936 and former tennis coach at Washington and Lee, has been appointed athletic instructor at the Santa Ana Army Air Base.

KEESLER FIELD, Miss. — Sgt. Williams, star backfield man for Tampa University, 1933-1940, and member of the Little All-America team in 1940, remembers two events in particular from his collegiate career. Williams, who did not play football in high school, ran 38 yards for a touchdown the first time he carried the ball as a varsity griddier. He says he got the biggest kick out of his performance against Boston university in 1940 when he gained 243 yards from scrimmage, more than the entire Boston team; Tampa, however, lost, 12-0.

McCLELLAN FIELD, Calif. — McClellan Field's entry in the national division of the Sacramento Winter Baseball League put up a game fight but lost its final match to the Argonauts and the championship as well. Pitcher Bill Schmidt held the winners to six hits, three less than his team got, but the champions spaced their blows better.

A Fighter Judges Joe

CAMP STONEMAN, Calif.—"Louis looked bad in his last fight with Conn. If they fight again, I'll have to bet on Conn." So said Sgt. Henry Smith, former boxer now stationed at Camp Stoneman. He adds, "It's been my experience that a boxer can take a slugger, and I think Conn would lick him." He also discounts both Joe Louis and Jack Dempsey as the greatest heavyweight fighters of all time, saying: "In my opinion, big Jack Johnson was the king of them all."

Sergeant Smith speaks with considerable authority for he has won the AAU, Pennsylvania State, Diamond Belt and Golden Gloves tournaments. At 160 pounds in the middleweight class, he fought 85 bouts as an amateur and 18 as a professional, and was never once knocked off his feet, he says.

He has had the benefit of the knowledge and experience of such oldtime ring men as Wee Willie Davis, Billy Nichey and Al Fay, who taught him the fine points of boxing. He was regarded as a fine prospect and a definite "comer" and hopes to get back in the ring again.

Cochran Cagers On Their Way

COCHRAN FIELD, Ga.—Well on its way to earning sectional honors in the Southeast is the the basketball team representing Cochran Field. The quintet has a record of nine wins and a single loss thus far in the current campaign, the loss having been a particularly bitter pill to swallow, having come at the hands of the famed Camp Wheeler Spokes, 31-30, on a disputed last second mid-court shot.

Victims of the high flying airmen have been Turner Field, Bainbridge Air Base, Herbert Smart Air Field, Robins Field and five strong independent teams, with the Original Celtics to be met in Atlanta on Jan. 18.

634th Tank Busters Fight Draw Match With 28th Div.

By CPL. RICHARD H. BUSS

CAMP CLAIBORNE, La. — When one battalion fights a whole division to a draw, that should be something. When Claiborne's 634th Tank Buster boxing team drew a tie with the 28th Division champions last Wednesday night, they were mildly disappointed. Of course, the 28th was also disappointed, to put it mildly.

The 634th is planning a counter-invasion of Camp Livingston, to be announced soon, which should prove quite interesting to local military fandom.

Duane Ozburn, the Tank Busters heavyweight, provided the best show

of the evening, while anaesthetizing Georgiano, ring-wise veteran.

Ozburn mauled unmercifully for three rounds and the nod, but the game Livingston fighter stayed on his feet all the way.

Bennie Schurr, a polished fighter, and Castonguay, speedy lightweight, neatly dispatched their 28th Division adversaries, "Popeye" Pascawitz and Roy Vidovich, respectively, with TKOs in the second round. Murdock, 634th, took a close decision over Silk of the 109th F.A. Battalion.

In the bantam classic, Cullen, diminutive roundhouse machine, was presented with a close decision over Galassi, Tank Buster, whose third

round spurt did not enable him to forge ahead.

Lusciano, 109th Infantry, surprised himself by KOing Johnnie Wharton, a promising shifty fighter, in the second round.

Dorman Ducote, 634th middleweight with a John L. stance, faded in the third before aggressive Charley Derr's barrage.

Cagey, unorthodox, Meyers of the 28th, decided Floyd "The Tiger" Rose. Neither man was able to do a great deal to his opponent — only Meyers did more.

Carl New, Tank Buster, and Zizzo, 110th Infantry, drew a tremendous ovation from the fans and were awarded a draw by the judges.

Want Soldiers Taught Wrestling

EAST LANSING, Mich.—President Fendley A. Collins of the American Wrestling Coaches' Association wants Uncle Sam to train all his fighting nephews in the college mat game, or its equivalent, as a basis for other methods of hand-to-hand combat.

The combined course, says Collins, who coaches wrestling at Michigan State College, would "clear up the myth of judo, which despite its reputation is only a Japanese version of barroom brawling."

Collins gave the Navy and the Marine Corps credit for an "excellent job" of training men for hand-to-hand combat, but said in an interview the Army has given a chill reception to proposals for mass training in wrestling.

"I shudder to think what would happen to our boys who are sent to

IN AN HOUR a four-engine bomber burns as much gasoline as the family auto used to in six months.

do a job like the invasion of the Solomons without thorough training in hand-to-hand combat, the Michigan State coach added.

He recommended wrestling of the college type—"perhaps rougher"—and an advanced course in jiu-jitsu to develop in fighting men co-ordination, physical perfection and a desire for combat. A class of as many as 100 men could be drilled in almost any grassy spot under a single instructor aided by several advanced students, he added.

"I think these two wrestling courses should be taught before bayonet and knife fighting," Collins declared.

The Michigan State coach, whose squad was runner-up in last season's national collegiate wrestling meet, said at least a score of former college grapplers now in the armed services owed life or limb to their experience in the sport.

Collins said other coaches had joined him in his campaign for mass training of Army recruits in

westling.

He cited the comments of several which he said were typical:

William Sheridan, Lehigh—"No football player or any other trained athlete has anywhere like an even break when a man he is looking in the eye knows his wrestling."

Edward O'Donnell, Yale—"A knowledge of jiu-jitsu, wrestling, hand-to-hand combat and alley fighting, where there are no rules nor friends to help one, undoubtedly is a means to an end for any one during this war period."

Hugo Otopalik, Iowa State—"Wrestling has it on almost any other form of athletics in the training of the soldier, and the sooner our Army authorities realize this the better; the Japs and Nazis have known this for some time and it is about time we awakened here."

OPIUM pipes and narcotic needles were found in the "ditty bag" of every Jap killed, wounded or captured on Guadalcanal.

More Careful Choice for OCS Ordered

FORT CUSTER, Mich.—More careful selection of officer candidates selected to attend service schools in 1943 has been ordered by the War Department, it was revealed today by Col. George T. Shank, commanding officer of Fort Custer. Success in the officer training program in 1942 has made it possible to reduce the officer candidate program materially over next year.

"While the reduction in officer candidate requirements (numbers) will not operate to deny qualified applicants the opportunity to attend an officer candidate school, it will permit a more careful selection, and will place officer candidate opportunities on a higher competitive basis," reads the instructions from the War Department passed on to the Custer ex-

amining board.

"With a broad field from which to select a smaller number of candidates, commanders should give most careful attention to final selections to the end that the highest type of officer material available is selected. Particular emphasis must be placed on outstanding leadership ability, which is the most important single characteristic of the capable and successful officer."

The instructions commended the field commanders, such as the commanding officer of Fort Custer, for their excellent co-operation with the 1942 officer candidate program, which resulted in the high officer requirements being met in all branches.

Fort Custer is the site of the Military Police Officer Candidate School.

Oats and Bolts From CRTC

FORT RILEY, Kans.—Sid Marks flashed a notice telling that he is now a "one-striper" in the Special Service office at CRTC. Sid is the man who is turning out the bumper crop of top-notch cavalry boxers under the new boxing instruction schedule here, which is supervised by Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow.

Since completing his basic training, Sid has been working hard at developing the CRTC recreation and athletic program. He's got a scrapbook full of interesting pictures taken during the palmy days in Hollywood when he was a contact man for various studios. A leading figure in the boxing scene both in Canada and the United States in the past, he has kept a collection of press notices and magazine articles about his ring career.

As a civilian, Cpl. Herman Landau, Hq. Troop, lived in the same house for 15 years. But how different in Army life. Either by accident or design, he moved five times within two weeks, and finally packed off to school in Mississippi. He'll attend the new Enlisted Men's Administration Course at the University of Mississippi.

Western Union doesn't permit congratulatory messages any more, but we can say that Cupid was busy tying knots over the week-end at the North Chapel. Miss Oletha Johnson, pretty brunette W.U. operator, and Pvt. Jimmy E. Adams, Weapons Dept., were married by Chaplain Robert A. Lundy. Miss Miriam Axelrod became the bride of Pvt. Murray Sherriton, 52nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Battalion, 9th Arm'd Div., with Chaplain Edward T. Sandrow officiating.

Pvt. Russell Rotrock, D-2, lists as his hobby, "collecting pencils."

Pvt. Richards Stewart, A-2, must have picked up some valuable pointers on the military life at home. Three other members of his family are in the armed services currently: his father, Lt. Col. Thomas H. Stewart Jr., in the Medical Corps; his brother, Maj. Charles W. Stewart III, in the Coast Artillery, and a younger brother, Thomas H. Stewart III, is a second lieutenant here at the CRTC.

Pvt. Frank Parot, B-6, can make an uncontestable claim as the youngest soldier in any army. On a questionnaire, he gave his date of birth as "March 3, 1942." He must have worn a fake mustache when he enlisted.

Maj. Stanton G. Marquardt, S-2 officer at CRTC, can be seen striding about in fatigue clothes practically any afternoon. He's taking lessons in motorcycle riding, and says they're really giving him a work-out. The instructors rush him out on rough terrain and he's off in a cloud of dust, before he has a chance to "get his seat."

Buddies Give Sergeant Start on Chicken Farm

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Feted by his buddies, Sgt. Frank Wiatrolik, 53, recently discharged because of advanced age, departed for Wilton, Me., where he will operate a chicken farm, but was not permitted to leave empty-handed.

His fellow soldiers of the 57th General Hospital arranged to present him with a set of toilet articles and a small package. The latter was described as being "not very much, but a start for the chicken farm."

It contained an egg.

Funston Fusillade

By Cpl. Tech. Lester J. Golomb
CAMP FUNSTON, Kan.—Gen. Frank M. Allen's volley ball team nosed out Lt. Col. Jacob Reynolds' team and it was Lt. Col. S. S. Sogard's nose that did it.

The score was tied and one point was needed to win when Lt. Rice batted a hard one that connected with Colonel Sogard's nose and bounced right back over the net to win the game.

Colonel Sogard bears no mark of his victory.

BACKS UP TO START

Pvt. "Young" Rubio, 52nd Armored Infantry, who was an outstanding contender for the world's welterweight crown regrettably told Capt. James L. Drake, assistant Division Special Service Officer, that he would not be available for the division or post boxing tournaments. Rubio is a ten-round fighter and it takes him three or four rounds to get warmed up while the tournament shindigs only go three rounds.

Captain Drake had been counting on him to knock off the welterweight title for the division in the Post Tournament and Lt. J. E. Goldsmith Special Service officer for the 52nd, had been buying the polish for the trophy that he was sure Rubio would win the division tournament.

The 89th Recon now awakens to march music played over an amplifying system. Occasionally a fox trot is thrown in.

The division contributed three men to the post boxing team that fought last Saturday in Kansas City. Pfc. Hayden "Young" Stuhley, the coach, yelled that the two losses sustained by the division out of its three bouts were robbery. He yelled it as they picked one of his boys off the floor and carried him back to his corner.

PAINTER

Pvt. Elmer Greene Jr., of the 52nd who has amassed gold medals and popular prizes for his portrait paintings and even more important has received up to \$2,500 for a portrait, brought around some photos of his paintings. He had the officers of Division Headquarters in a dither as to whether they were photographs or paintings.

Lt. Col. Alton W. Howard, Division Inspector General, is delighted to find a modern painter who doesn't copy the impressionists; Colonel Howard has a distinct aversion to the entire impressionistic school.

Cpl. Julius Weiss has made Greene a flat offer of 75c for a pencil portrait. Miss Thayer, who has a mural in mind for her Service Club, has been bribing Greene with cokes, large ones, too.

FEUD

Cpl. Tech. Irv. Bursky and Pfc. Al Baker, two of the division's foremost entertainers, have been violently feuding, each accusing the other of wanting to direct the five-piece combination that they have organized.

The quarrel has become so marked that they won't speak to one another except when they want to borrow money.

Two Stewart Majors Are Only 26 Years Old

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Youth continues to forge ahead in Uncle Sam's Army and another 26-year-old West Pointer has been made a major. He is Maj. Landon A. Witt, commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion of the 90th C.A. (AA), who was a U. S. Military Academy classmate of Maj. Alfred A. Floyd, also 26, and recently promoted to that rank.

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- (e) Business:
Typewriting (use of typewriter essential)
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Shorthand, Gregg, advanced
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Cost accounting
Advanced accounting
Railroad rate clerk
Traffic management
- (f) Mechanical:
Steam engineering
Refrigeration, part I
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CAMP STONEMAN, CALIF.—Pvt. John E. Walker, of the camp Medical Detachment, is the delight of all men on kitchen police. He's invented a time and labor-saving peeler machine.

Walker invented and patented the apple-peeler eight years ago. At the time, Johnny was helping his mother peel apples for the purpose of canning, and after peeling several baskets by hand decided there must be an easier way. The result—an apple peeler.

"When I'm in practice, I can easily do a bushel in eight minutes," says Walker.

Several of the men who live in the same barracks testify to his ability at repairing and improvising other gadgets. "Anytime something goes wrong we call Walker," said one of his colleagues at Patients Mess No. 2, Station Hospital.

The surprise of a lifetime occurred shortly after Walker reported to Camp Stoneman, after completing his basic training at Camp Grant, Ill.

Mess Sergeant Reeves assigned Walker to peel a bushel of apples. "When Johnny returned with the apples peeled in about 10 minutes flat, I almost fell over," Reeves related.



Private Walker

Corporal Wins Soldier's Medal for Swim Rescue

CAMP DAVIS—Courage and heroism reaped their reward last Saturday morning when Brig. Gen. Olin H. Longino, commanding general of the 49th Brigade at Camp Davis, pinned the coveted Soldier's Medal on the blouse of Cpl. John Acabbo of the 430th Coast Artillery, Anti-aircraft Battalion.

In honor of this Camp Davis soldier who, "With utter disregard for his own personal safety," rescued a woman from drowning, a formal parade was held.

The rescue occurred last August at Carolina Beach while Corporal Acabbo was spending an off-duty weekend. He was walking down the boardwalk just as the cries for help were heard from an overturning raft about 80 yards from shore. Witnesses graphically described how John quickly stripped his shirt and trou-

sers off to dash into the rough breakers of the turbulent Atlantic, and assist the drowning people.

Grasping the woman by the hair, Corporal Acabbo swam back to shore to find that she had fainted. With the realization that this could be fatal, he immediately gave her artificial respiration until she regained consciousness. Her companion, a man who could not swim either, was brought in by Sgt. John Frangella, at that time attached to the Station Complement from the Balloon Barrage of Camp Tyson, Tenn.

Neither man attempted to claim any credit, but so many laudatory comments were passed by the spectators that word was intercepted by officials at Camp Davis. An investigation was started and a recommendation was sent to the Secretary of War at Washington requesting that a medal be awarded.

Two Soldiers of 25th Inf. Commended By General

FORT HUACHUA, Ariz.—Company M, 25th Infantry, has received two commendations from the commanding general of the 93rd Division here. The individuals to whom the commendations were addressed were 1st Lt. Clyatt McBrier, commanding officer, and S/Sgt. Dan L. Hightower.

The commendation of Lieutenant McBrier follows:

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Sergeant Hightower was commended "for your excellent handling of the supply records of your company, in comparison with records of other supply sergeants of the company thus far inspected."

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Private, Refugee from Germany, Wants To Return to Settle Score With Nazis

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—If there are any Americans left who still wonder why America is fighting, let them hearken to the story of Pvt. Henry Douglas Tempel.

Tempel, formerly Heinz Emil Tempel of Saarbrücken, Germany has just been assigned to a unit here after seeing service at Fort Dix and Fort Bragg since he volunteered last September.

His one burning desire is to return to Germany, with the American Army, and "settle a score" with his father "and the rest of the dirty Nazi gang."

Father Is Nazi

Why, you might ask? Because his father is a colonel in the German army, and a Reichstag member, a dyed-in-the-wool, fanatical Nazi, who hounded Tempel and his mother out of Germany because Mrs. Erna Tempel was Jewish, making Private Tempel half-Jewish and therefore an "Aryan outcast." The Nazis also killed Tempel's uncle, Arthur Maas, a famous inventor and brother of Mrs. Tempel in the great pogrom of November, 1938.

"Yes, that's the Nazis for you, they even hate their own families," the 20-year-old Tempel recalls bitterly. Husky, fair-complexioned, blue-eyed, he speaks with only the trace of a German accent. He and his mother came to America in 1937 and he was a silversmith in a Brooklyn firm until the Army finally took him after he had tried to get in ever since Pearl

Harbor.

Young Tempel recalls that his mother and father were happily married until Hitler came to power in 1933. Shortly thereafter, he said, his father began to be mysteriously absent from home of nights. Then he began to treat them surly. He even beat and cursed me, Tempel asserted.

"Then, one day, he went to Munich and met Hitler at a conference," Tempel said. "From that day on he never even spoke to me, except when necessary. Finally, he gave me the choice of leaving Germany or going to a military concentration camp near Munich, where I knew youths slowly evaporated."

"Now I know that when I meet him face to face it will be me or

him. He will try to kill me but I am going to get him and any others of those Nazi butchers I can too!" Young Tempel spoke as only a man can who has really known hate.

Might Cost Life

"It might cost my life to even the score but I would not care," he added simply.

Another thing he and his mother are "eternally grateful to America," because he explained, "this country took us with open arms and all people tried to help us."

And so he wrote his Nazi father shortly after coming here adding that "I am writing you as Henry Douglas Tempel and proud of it and will be happy when I become a citizen," which he hopes to when he becomes 21 in September.

Crowder Sergeant Helped Tell World of Armistice

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—A man who helped notify the world of the end of the last war is serving in the United States Army again in this one.

At the time of the armistice, Nov. 11, 1918, William H. Marnon was a cable operator at the Services of Supply headquarters at Tours, France.

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Corporal Faracchio began his gymnastic career at Olney High School

in Philadelphia, winning several AAU championships. After finishing school, he got into show work and played all the vaudeville houses in Philadelphia. "The Eaton Brothers" then took to the road, appearing in most of the large theaters in the east.

The sturdy soldier demonstrated his strength in the 83rd Division's recent show in Indianapolis, "We Did It Before."

Asked how he developed the strong right arm with which he is able to raise a man above his head,

he replied:

"It just takes a lot of practice and training on the rings and other gymnastic equipment. The rings are best for developing the arms and shoulders. If you don't have the gym equipment, 'pushups' and other exercises are good."

Corporal Faracchio is athletic non-commissioned officer of the 329th Infantry regiment, 83rd Division. He hopes to be sent to the new 2nd Army Ranger School for training in the fine points of hand-to-hand fighting.

Born in China

Has Two-Fold Fighting Reason

By C. M. Groner

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—When Pvt. Wal Gin Sid gets "over there," he intends to fight twice as hard as the average soldier—for Private Sid will be fighting for two countries, his native home China, and his adopted country, the United States.

Private Sid, with his glistening black hair and shining eyes, was born in Canton, China in 1923. When he was six years old, his father brought him to the United States, leaving behind his sister, aunts, uncles, and other relatives. They settled in Anguilla, Miss. and opened a small grocery store.

Visited China

When Private Sid was ten years old, he was sent back to China for a visit. In those four short years, China had undergone a complete revolution, according to the soldier. When he left, his native country had had no roads or modern buildings. When he returned, thoroughfares were running through the towns and up-to-date buildings were plentiful. Contrary to former practices, the common people were being educated and were having a hand in their government.

By 1933, the year of Private Sid's visit, the girls had bobbed hair and

their feet were no longer bound. Best of all, prospective brides and grooms were given the opportunity of meeting and rejecting each other before their arranged weddings—whereas formerly they had had no say-so in the matter.

Contrary to popular opinion, the Japanese did not find the Chinese unprepared for war when they attacked in 1935. "The Chinese hate the Japanese and have always known that they were going to start another war," said Private Sid. "As far back as 1938, the Chinese were preparing for that fight and even imported a general from Germany to train their troops." He added that the troop comprising Chiang Kai Shek's present army were trained by that same German general.

Thinks Allies Will Win

Private Sid is entirely optimistic over the outcome of the war. "I think the war will end in 1943 and the Allies will win. However," he warned, "the Japanese must be permanently disarmed if the world is to have lasting peace."

In Private Sid's opinion there will never be a common understanding between the Japanese and the Chinese. "The Japanese are dirty all the way round," he explained. "They

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At present Private Sid is stationed at Camp Shelby in the Quartermaster Supply Detachment.

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The units and War Bond officers are: the 34th WAAC Post Headquarters Company, Lt. Marjorie G. Chapman; Chemical Warfare Section of Headquarters Company, S.C.S.U. 1111, Lt. William I. Gorfinkle; and an MP unit under the supervision of Lt.-Col. James P. Redding.

NAZI PRISONER

Twenty-eight months in a German prison camp were described by Pvt. Leon Ruyffelaere, attached to an MP unit here.

Memories of his treatment have burned in him a deep and passionate hatred for the Germans. His family was broken up, boyhood chums shot without warning and for no reason. Inadequate food, no soap and no new

clothes for the entire period have given him a savage glint which flashes across his eyes when the word, "German" is mentioned.

"The food was bad. We got two slices of bread and soup every day. Every day we worked, hard work too, loading and unloading freight cars seven days a week. They struck and beat us, and they didn't need an excuse," said Ruyffelaere.

Quiz Answers

(See Page 11)

1. A.
2. C. By the British in the Battle of Crecy, 1346.
3. True.
4. C.
5. True.
6. True.
7. True. Rommel came to this country in 1936 as a student of history. He is known to have covered the locality of every action in the Civil War from Gettysburg, Pa., down through the valley of Virginia, seeking battles in which Jackson participated and making complete study of his tactics which he is supposed to have adapted to desert warfare in Africa.
8. D.
9. A.
10. a-5.
b-2.
c-3.
d-4.
e-1.

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Prescribe Campaign Ribbon Soldiers May Wear Now

Regulations covering the award of three campaign medals authorized by executive order—the American, European-African-Middle Eastern, and the Asiatic-Pacific—to members of the land and naval forces, including the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, who serve outside the continental limits of the United States during this war, were announced this week by the War Department.

Although manufacture of the medals themselves has been postponed indefinitely to conserve metals needed in war production, the appropriate service ribbon which accompanies each medal will be awarded to individuals after their arrival in a theater of operations.

Land and naval personnel who serve in the American Theater outside the continental United States will be awarded a blue service ribbon with narrow red, white and blue stripes in the center representing the colors of the United States, and a combination of narrow black and white stripes representing the colors of Germany, and narrow red and white stripes representing the colors of Japan, near each end.

Green For Europe

The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal's service ribbon is green representing the green fields of Europe, with narrow stripes of United States colors in the center flanked by narrow stripes of the Italian colors of green, white and red near the left end and by narrow stripes of the German colors of black and white near the right end. The borders of the right and left ends of the ribbon are brown, representing the sands of the desert.

The service ribbon for the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal is orange, with narrow stripes of the United States colors in the center, flanked by narrow stripes of the Japanese colors of red and white near each end.

The American Theater includes all of South America, Central America,

and the North American continent excluding Alaska and Greenland. The executive order, however, prohibits award of the American Campaign Medal for service in the continental United States.

The European-African-Middle Eastern Theater includes all of Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

The western border of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater coincides with the eastern border of the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater, and the eastern border coincides with the western border of the American Theater.

May Be Worn Now

Included in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater are the entire South and Southwest Pacific battle areas, all of Asia, excluding the Middle East or Asia Minor and Alaska and Hawaii.

The regulations specify that the medals are awarded for service during the period from December 7, 1941, inclusive, and a date six months subsequent to the termination of the present war. No more than one service ribbon representing service in an one theater will be worn, regardless of the number of periods of duty within that theater.

One bronze star, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, will be worn on the pertinent service ribbon for participation in each operation announced by the War Department in General Orders as authorizing participants to wear such recognition. Where more than five bronze stars have been earned, silver stars of the same dimension may be substituted

for the bronze in the ratio of one to five.

The policy of awarding campaign medals while the war is in progress is a departure from World War I procedure. It wasn't until after 1919 that the World War Victory Medal, with its rainbow-hued service ribbon and campaign clasps, was authorized for wear. By the time the medals were obtainable, a majority of military personnel had been demobilized.

Storekeeper Gets Same Job in Army

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—The Army took John L. Bumpus of Clarksville away for a few days, only to return him to his old job with the new salary of \$50 a day—once a month.

Bumpus was the first male civilian to be employed in the Quartermaster Section at this post. That was last July, and he was an assistant storekeeper for five months after that.

One month ago, the Selective Service system added "Private" to his

name and sent him to the reception center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. He gathered up his suitcase, kissed his wife goodbye, and reported for duty as a soldier.

Last week Pvt. John L. Bumpus, dressed in becoming olive drab, greeted the men with whom he had worked before. He had come back to take over his duties as assistant storekeeper, but this time he was in the Army.

Chaplains Warn of Dangers In O'Daniel Liquor Ban

CAMP SHELBY.—Unanimous opposition to Senator Lee O'Daniel's announced intention to reintroduce the bill which would abolish beer and stronger alcoholic drinks from Army camps and their vicinity was voiced at Camp Shelby this week by the post provost marshal and chaplains here.

Speaking of the drinking problem in the area surrounding Camp Shelby by Maj. Carl Henne provost marshal, summed up the situation with "The work of the military police would be far simpler if liquor were legally sold in Mississippi."

"Soldiers who go to towns near here usually find liquor if they want it. They have to buy a pint of liquor from a bootlegger and, since it is illegal, they feel that they have to consume the whole bottle before they go back to camp. And so they get drunk."

"Little trouble comes from the 3.2 beer sold in the canteens in camp. But if soldiers are refused even beer, they'll leave for the nearest town, and it won't be hard to find a bootlegger behind every bush near an Army camp."

One of the arguments against prohibition in camp areas was presented by Chaplain Aiden R. Potter, Catholic chaplain in the 167th Infantry, who said briefly, "Temperance and abstinence are fine traits, but they can't be brought out by legislature."

Speaking of Senator O'Daniel's proposal Chaplain Potter asserted, "A new prohibition law will be disobeyed and abused just as the last one was and disrespect of one law always leads to disrespect of other laws."

A similar note was sounded by

Chaplain Abba M. Fineberg, Jewish chaplain of the station complement. Said Chaplain Fineberg: "Our experience during the last period of prohibition should have taught us the danger of trying to legislate out of

existence the traffic in liquor. Many young people obtained illegally the drinks which they might not have sought had liquor become not an unobtainable but illegal item."

Maxey Mixtures

CAMP MAXEY, Tex.—M/Sgt. Clyde M. Foote, a veteran of over 13 years' service in the Army, has been commissioned second lieutenant NMB. Lieutenant Foote was a railroad clerk in civilian life and most of his Army career has been in the Quartermaster Corps. He was sergeant-major of camp headquarters prior to receiving his commission.

BOXING TOURNAMENT

Henry Graves, camp athletic officer, is making plans to enter contestants in all weights in the state Golden Gloves championship to be held in Fort Worth from Feb. 10 to 15. Winners of camp elimination bouts will be entered at Fort Worth.

ARTILLERY STARTS PRACTICE

Camp Maxey's artillery ranges took shelling this week when the 102nd Division Artillery, under command of Brig. Gen. Charles M. Busbee, got in its first practice rounds with live ammunition. Firing was observed by Maj. Gen. John B. Ander-

son, commanding officer of the 102nd Division.

WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?

We're not superstitious and never believed in numerology, but it made us think twice when the 405th Infantry fired 405 men for record and qualified 369 of them. Of the number qualified there were 21 experts, 11 sharpshooters and 261 marksmen. Some shooting; maybe there's something in numbers after all.

Hitler has reported for duty here. Of course it's not the Hitler that's causing all the trouble today. He is Capt. Paul Hitler, of the Military Police. A veteran of over 30 years' service as an enlisted man, he received his commission as a captain last year.

COINCIDENCE

Winston Churchill is the master empire salesman of the British.

Another Winston Churchill, formerly a salesman at Jacksonville, Tex., now is a second lieutenant in the Medical Administration Corps, at Camp Maxey.

"The name," he said, "is just a coincidence as I am no relation of the great British Prime Minister."

Many Dependents Reject ODB Funds

All Who Turn Down Aid Ask Safe Return of Servicemen

NEWARK, N. J.—Not all dependents of men in the armed services avail themselves of the allowances or allotments that have been established for them by law. It was disclosed here at the War Department's Office of Dependency Benefits.

Comprising a little army of truly rugged individualists, hundreds of parents and other relatives of military personnel, who are eligible to share in the monthly pay of the uniformed men, are waiving all or part of this right. The reasons, as outlined in letters that they have sent to the ODB, fall into three main classifications:

They feel that Uncle Sam needs the money more than they do; they are accepting only part of what they are entitled to and investing it in war bonds for the boy in service; only one thing is important—that the boy return safe and sound.

Officials at the ODB, which so far this month has mailed more than 2,000,000 checks to soldiers' and sailors' dependents, said that this band of individualists had brought about an unanticipated development in the bureau's operations. As typical of many of the mes-

sages they have received from members of the group, the officials cited the following:

"I am not depending on my son for support because I am able to work yet so far. So I thank you all very much for the offer. Myself, also husband, are willing to work to make support for ourselves and that will release the government of that much."

Then this letter was cited as illustrating another viewpoint:

"Just help Uncle Sam take care of my son, who is stationed on foreign soil, is all the help I ask at this time."

Another eligible relative wrote: "I am trying to make it without this money, so don't want it at present."

Some persons, who feel their eligibility is questionable, wrote letters like this:

"I wouldn't be able to fill this application out truthfully and am returning the application blank. I am not depending on him for any support at present, although I was hit pretty hard because my five sons who were at home and helping along were called to the service."

Wacky Names In News Again

CAMP POLK, La.—Somebody always has a story about peoples' names to make you wonder about the sense of humor of the American public. Here's one to prove the Headquarters of Camp Polk's 11th Armored Division is no exception.

Within the Headquarters personnel there is a Joy Bogue, a major on the General Staff. In the next office and on the same staff is Pleasant Bagby, another major.

Still within the Headquarters group is a major whose voice holds a solo rating in the staff's barbershop quartet. His name is Bray. And to complicate matters, the only officer with a rasping Andy Devine voice is named Singer.

It's a habit with the Eleventh, though, because in Company B of the Supply Battalion Lord and Angel find themselves continually involved with Hell. The three privates, in spite of tradition, get along very well together with little or no thought for the extremes their names represent.

Remarking in general about the situation, one of the Supply Battalion's lieutenants quoted the descriptive phrase, "War is Hell."

"Here I am, sir," said Hell, leaving the lieutenant tearing his hair and remarking, silently, about what he was going to do if the Lord didn't show up for KP duty.

Any Port

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—A new soldier hurriedly entered the headquarters of the Eighth Signal Training Regiment the other day.

His anxious features relaxed when he spotted the two signs, "Officers" and "Enlisted Men" over the doors of the respective latrines. He paused only briefly.

Then he remarked to passing soldier as he shoved open a door: "I didn't enlist but I'm going in here anyway."

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